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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota

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FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-11, 12, 13-34	REPORT MADE BY: R. L. SHIVERS RLS:F
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Cover placed on mail of all relatives in this district of Willie Harrison and Byron Bolton during the Christmas holidays. Personal surveillance will be maintained on the residence of Harrison's father in St. Louis. William E. Brown, a probable informant, has returned to Miami, Fla.; Dorothy Dodd, mentioned in previous reports as a possible contact, disclaims knowledge of the subjects in this investigation. Investigation, St. Louis has failed to locate Dolly Arder, reported as a friend of Willie Harrison.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>Letters from Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois dated 11-14-34, 11-22-34 and 11-23-34. Report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, St. Louis, Missouri dated December 4, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Through the postmaster at Thayer, Illinois it was ascertained that Mrs. Burnell Williamson mentioned in the reference letter of November 14, 1934 is the mother of Joe Williamson, 108 N. Layman St., Chicago, Illinois who married the daughter of E. E. Freeman, who is now residing at 225 E. Spruce St., Springfield, Illinois. It will be recalled that information was contained in the reference report of the writer that when Mrs. E. E. Freeman was interviewed, she disclaimed any knowledge of the whereabouts of Byron Bolton, stating that members of his and his wife's family had not heard from him for approximately four years.</p>			
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Mrs. Mary Boyle, St. Catherine's Rectory, Virden, Illinois, is the grandmother of Mrs. Joe Williamson.

Mrs. Nick Bonasinga, reported in the reference letter of November 14, as Mrs. Nick Bronensinger, 1219 N. 6th St., Springfield, Illinois, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Boyle.

Covers were placed on the mail of Mrs. Joe Williamson, Mrs. Nick Bonasinga and Mrs. H. E. Freeman. The postmasters in the city were these people and were instructed to keep a careful watch on all mail received by them, especially during the Christmas holidays and report the results immediately to the St. Louis Office, which they agreed to do.

Mr. M. Mayer, Postmaster, Virden, Illinois informed the writer that no mail had been received by the relatives of Byron Bolton since he was last contacted. He stated that Mrs. Mary Boyle is the caretaker for Father D. L. Scully, pastor at the local Catholic church in Virden. He further stated that one of the clerks in the Post Office W. H. Noll, is a Catholic and a very good friend of Father Scully.

Mr. Noll was interviewed and he stated that he would contact Father Scully in an effort to enlist his aid in ascertaining Bolton's whereabouts through Mrs. Mary Boyle and if successful, would notify the Postmaster who agreed to advise the St. Louis Office immediately.

It will be remembered that a surveillance of the Joe Williams residence in Chicago, Illinois on November 8, 1934 resulted in establishing that Williams, on that date, had mailed letters to the above mentioned persons.

Concerning the reference letter of November 22, 1934 suggesting an interview with William E. Brown, subject of St. Louis File 26-4116 for information concerning the present location of William J. Harrison, it was found that this individual was released from custody at Springfield, Illinois on November 6, 1934. It was ascertained through his bondsman in Springfield, that he returned to Miami, Florida and is presently residing at the Tutweiller Apartments, 1106 N. E. 1st Ave., Phone 2-9111. On December 6, 1934, the Jacksonville, Office was advised that Brown had probably returned to Miami, with the request that he be interviewed according to the suggestions just given.

In connection with the reference letter of November 23, 1934, efforts to locate Dolly Arder, who is reported to have been a friend of Willie Harrison and Charles J. Fitzgerald at Hammond, Indiana, have

been unsuccessful to date. She is unknown to the Post Office and to the proprietors of numerous night clubs, who were contacted, as well as the Police. An effort was made to locate her through Dorothy Dodd, who has the cigarette and hat checking concessions at the Club LaVida, St. Louis, Missouri. This woman stated that Dolly Arder is unknown to her. It will be recalled that Dorothy Dodd is listed as a possible contact formembers of the Barker-Karpis Gang, reference being made to her on page 69 of the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, rendered at St. Paul, Minnesota. Dorothy Dodd likewise disclaimed any connection with members of the Barker-Karpis Gang or any of the persons whose location is desired in this investigation. She did admit a friendship and acquaintance with Mabel Engler, the former wife of William Engler, who is now confined in prison, but stated that she nor Mabel Engler had ever been connected with any members of the Barker-Karpis Gang. Dorothy Dodd is now under indictment in the U. S. District Court at St. Louis, Missouri for passing counterfeit money.

Arrangements have been made with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Company at St. Louis, Missouri to place a cover on all messages received for relatives of Willie Harrison who are residing in St. Louis, during the Christmas holidays. Special Agent W. O. Buchanan of the St. Louis Office is maintaining a personal surveillance on the residence of the parents of Harrison and if he returns to St. Louis during the Christmas holidays as expected, he will be immediately contacted and taken into custody for questioning.

Chief of Police William Doig, Spring Valley, Illinois advised Special Agent J. A. Smith, Jr. of this office that recently Kate Lauer the sister of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, returned to Spring Valley and that about that time one, Thomas Moran, a nephew of Dr. Joseph P. Moran who also resides at Spring Valley, stated that Dr. Moran had been killed. Mr. Doig stated that Thomas Moran did not amplify the statement other than to say that he did not know when or where his uncle had been killed. It was stated by Mr. Doig that Thomas Moran is far from reliable and makes preposterous statements. However, he stated that it is his opinion that Kate Lauer is probably in possession of information concerning Dr. Moran's whereabouts and that Thomas Moran might have learned something from her upon her return to Spring Valley. Chief of Police Doig further advised Special Agent Smith that he would attempt to obtain further information from Dr. James Moran, the brother of fugitive Moran and from Kate Lauer, and suggested to Agent Smith that he not interview these persons at this time. He stated that he is doing everything possible to retain the confidence of members of the Moran family; that he

is presently on good terms with them and that future contact with them concerning fugitive Moran should be made in an undercover way as he did not want the Moran family to know that agents of the Division were contacting him.

The St. Louis Office is continuing this investigation with particular reference to locating Byron Bolton and Willie Harrison.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

December 21, 1934

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
John William Spaulding	Wichita, Ks., PD #4585M-33		1 RII 10 1 UOI 13

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Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

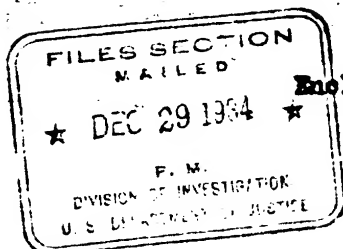
In reply to your communication dated December 21,  
1934, regarding JOHN WILLIAM SPAULDING, Police Department,  
Wichita, Kansas, #4585-M-53, there is transmitted herewith  
a copy of the criminal record of this individual as reflected  
by the fingerprint files of this Division.

In compliance with your request a copy of the  
criminal record of the above individual is being forwarded  
to the Division Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Division Office,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

December 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: EDWARD HEARY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from the St. Paul Division Office dated December 17, 1934 and this letter is to supplement the telegram from this Office to St. Paul at the same date.

[REDACTED]

The Police Department record shows no further disposition of the case, but Mr. [REDACTED] Chief of Detectives, recalled that Ed Heary was placed on parole for five years ago. Ed Heary is not now wanted by the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

Other personal data appears in the record as follows:

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Very truly yours,

DEC 29 1934

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 829  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 20, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O.1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with  
aliases, I.O.1219; RUSSELL GIBSON  
with aliases, I.O.1213; DR. JOSEPH  
P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.1232 et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

With reference to Division letter of December 10, 1934, re-  
ferring to statements of Doctor Boyd C. Rembe at Lincoln, Illinois to the  
effect that he had gone to the apartment occupied by Fred Barker to  
treat him in connection with pain resulting from a fingerprint opera-  
tion, and that he had reported this matter to his brother Kelvin Rembe,  
Assistant States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, and Detective Gilbert of the  
States Attorney's office, I will arrange to have an Agent familiar with  
the facts herein interview these two parties, inasmuch as I do not believe  
it desirable that I disclose my identity here to these two parties,  
Gilbert being the Chief Investigator for the States Attorney's office.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special Assignment)

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December 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

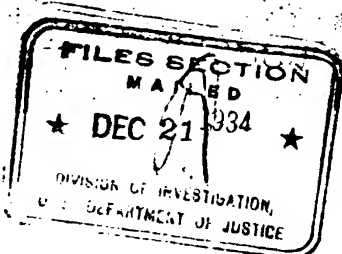
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219,  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232,  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Recently you telephoned the Division relative to one Harold McBride, an alleged informant, who was in contact with the Hearst newspapers at New York City, furnishing information as to the whereabouts of members of the Barker-Karpis gang. You advised that the newspapers would cooperate with you in developing any information in the possession of McBride. The Division has not received a report covering this matter and, therefore, it is requested that the results of your contact with McBride be made available to the Division at the earliest practicable date.

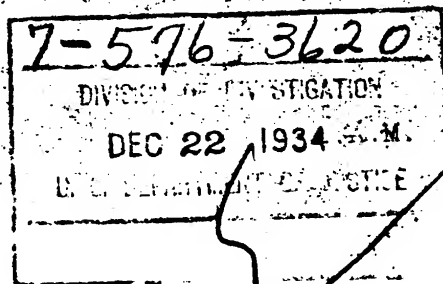
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago



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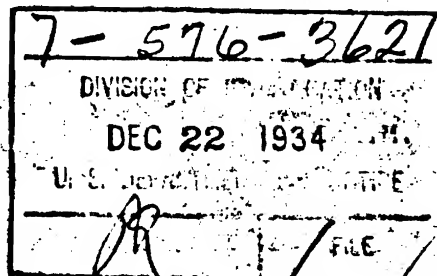
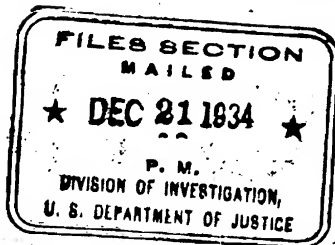
Kindly place a wanted notice against the record of Doris O'Connor, #6993 Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, to notify the Supervisor of the Bremer Kidnaping case in the event information is received relative to her whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*Edman, L. Geo. Bremer*

Post Office Drawer 1487  
St. Louis, Missouri  
December 22, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ED  
#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases  
IO/1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases  
IO/1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, IO/1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the telephone call of the 18th  
instant from Mr. Ladd at Chicago, requesting Illinois license  
#1289927 be traced and that the data be telephoned back to you.  
Contact was had with Don Butler, of the License Bureau, Spring-  
field, Illinois and it was ascertained that the above license  
was issued to Andrew Allen, 87 east Harrison St., Chicago,  
Illinois on November 26, 1934 for a Ford V8 1934 model, Motor  
#1,142,463. This matter was immediately communicated tele-  
phonically back to Mr. Ladd at Chicago.

On December 17, 1934 Special Agent McKee with Mr.  
Connelley's squad at Chicago, requested the details concerning  
the purchase of the above car. After several attempts, infor-  
mation was secured from the office of the Secretary of State  
at Springfield, Illinois that his records show this car to have  
been purchased on November 23, 1934 from the Vrba Motor Company  
5100 W. 25th St., Chicago, Illinois. The sale was shown to  
have been for cash, no liens on the car and Allen at the time  
of the purchase, gave his address at 87 east Harrison St.,  
Chicago, Illinois. This information was immediately telephoned  
back to Special Agent McKee at Chicago.

I presume this data refers to the case set forth  
in the caption of this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division  
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
December 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I O #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I O #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I O #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I O #1222;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

In connection with contacts being made at the present time by Special Agent E. B. O'Mahoney at Neosho, Missouri, and Joplin, Missouri, with the Railway Express Agency in order that this office may be immediately notified in the event any packages are received there from any of Subjects' relatives, Mr. C. C. Mace, the Agent of the Railway Express Agency at Neosho, Missouri, has informed that he would not be able to immediately notify this office unless he received prior authorization to do so from his superior, Mr. E. E. Honn, the Superintendent of his Division located at the Railway Express Agency office, 202 Union Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

It is requested that you immediately contact Mr. Honn, above named, endeavoring to have him immediately authorize and instruct Mace to communicate with this office by telephone or telegram collect in the event any packages are received there for relatives of Subject.

For the information of your office, Mrs. John (Mildred) Harness, Subject Davis' sister, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis, Subject Davis' parents, both reside at Neosho, Missouri, on rural routes. Mr. George E. Barker, the father of Subjects Barker resides at Joplin, Missouri.

At the time of the writing of this letter, contact has not yet been had with the Railway Express Agency at Joplin, Mo., by Agent O'Mahoney, and, hence, it is not known whether that agent will refuse to furnish information direct to this office without authorization of Mr. Honn. However, it is suggested that Mr. Honn be requested to authorize and instruct his Agent at Joplin, Missouri, as well as at Neosho, Missouri, to furnish information of the receipt of any packages by Subjects' relatives to this office immediately.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
December 20, 1934.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P O Box 812,  
Chicago.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I O #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I O #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I O #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I O #1232;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois, December 15, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City office, confirming telephonic information from Special Agent Brown to the effect that Subject Russell Gibson was supposed to be in Kansas City at the present time, but indicating that he had left Chicago for Kansas City recently in a Cadillac car.

Investigation made by the Kansas City office based upon information received from your office, as stated above, will be found in the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 19, 1934.

Your attention is directed to the letter from the late Inspector S. P. Cowley to this office dated at Chicago, Illinois, June 16, 1934, under the joint caption of the instant case and that of Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, (deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, concerning a Cadillac Sedan bearing motor number 1001172. This car bearing 1934 Illinois license plate No. 1,236,804. This car is again mentioned on page five of the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown in the instant case dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 19, 1934.

Will you kindly advise this office what disposition was made of the above described Cadillac car and whether it is possible that that car might be the Cadillac presently in possession of Subject Gibson.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Drawer 1487  
St. Louis, Missouri  
December 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases  
I.O.#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with  
aliases, I.O.#1213; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant in the  
above captioned matter please be advised that 1934 Illinois  
license #1,204,112 was issued to William Converse, c/o Ed  
White, Libertyville, Illinois for a Ford car motor #E2,118,522.  
Libertyville, you will note, is in the Chicago District.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division  
Chicago

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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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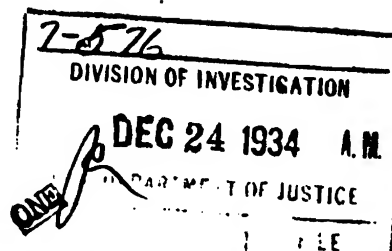
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P. O. BOX 1186,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

December 20, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I.O. #1213;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING

I am enclosing a tracing from the cover placed recently on the mail of the brothers and sisters of HARRY SAWYER, at Lincoln, Nebraska. This tracing bears the postmark, "Los Angeles, California, Dec. 15, 1934", was addressed to Mrs. Al Sandlovich, 2828 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, Nebraska, and bears the return address of "W. Langeman, 650 South Detroit St., Los Angeles, Calif."

A second tracing, enclosed, was from a letter addressed to Stanley H. Sandlovich, 2828 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, Nebraska, bearing return address of the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Omaha, Office of Assistant Treasurer, dated December 17, 1934.

Attention is called to the fact that Harry Sawyer was said to have two widowed sisters living in California, whose addresses are unknown to this office at the present time, and it is thought possible that the Los Angeles mail, coming to the Sandlovich Family at Lincoln, may be from these sisters.

Very truly yours,

WARNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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December 21, 1934  
Chicago, Illinois

E J CONNELLEY  
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CINCINNATI OHIO

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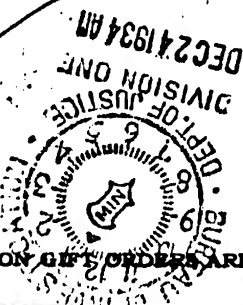
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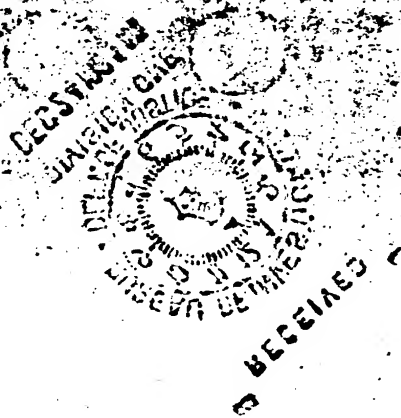
Omaha, Nebr.,  
Dec. 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: Alvin Karpis.  
File #7-4.

Chief of Police Tapper, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, advised Agent Kenney on December 20th that in August of this year he visited his uncle at Angora, Minnesota, which is located about twenty miles north of Virginia, Minnesota. Tapper stated that there was quite a good deal of talk that John Dillinger was there once last summer and stayed at a house there which Tapper thinks might be kept by Alvin Karpis. Tapper stated that he understood that Karpis was of Finnish extraction and that people up there seem to be in sympathy with him. It seems there is a nicely furnished house in town there which is occupied by a man and woman who spend a great deal of time away, but come there occasionally with a nice automobile and often have other men and women with them. Tapper stated that his uncle is positive that Dillinger was there once and also noted that shortly after this unknown couple and their companions left he would read something in the paper of a bank being robbed or some similar crime. Tapper said he had been thinking about the matter for some time and finally decided to advise the next Division Agent that contacted him. He requested that if investigation be made at Angora, that Adolph Dragvold be interviewed confidentially and not attract any attention to him.

J. H. Kenney,  
Special Agent.



P. O. Box #1156,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

December 22, 1934.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #339,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

I am enclosing, herewith, memorandum submitted by  
Special Agent Kenney of the Omaha Office, relative to an inter-  
view with Chief of Police Tapper, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Copies  
of this memorandum are also furnished to the Division and to  
the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANAU,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

December 21, 1934

LETTER.

E. J. Connelley  
Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 829  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I. O. 1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I. O. 1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases - I. O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I. O. 1232  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Referring to Inspector S. P. Cowley's letter of November 20, 1934, from the Chicago Office, Special Agent L. E. Kingman on December 5, 1934, at Havana, Cuba, contacted JUAN M. CASANOVA, Resident Manager of the International Racing Association, Incorporated, having offices in the Larrea Building, Agiar and Empedrado Streets, Havana, Cuba. Before contacting Mr. Casanova, Agent Kingman ascertained that he was thoroughly reliable, is Cuban, has a perfect command of English, a good education which he obtained in the United States, and that he is related, by marriage, to Colonel Albert J. Sabbath of Chicago, Illinois. It was ascertained that Colonel Sabbath has recently taken a ten-year lease on the Oriental Park Race Track at Havana. Mr. Casanova stated that the Havana racing season would open on December 29, 1934, and would close on March 9, 1935.

A photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON was left with Mr. Casanova. He stated that he has an organization of plain-clothes men with full police power who operate at the race track and that he was willing and anxious to cooperate with the United States authorities in causing the apprehension of any fugitives. It is believed that Mr. Casanova will be a very valuable contact for Agents going to Cuba during the racing season and he informed Agent Kingman that he would extend the courtesy of the race track to any Agent con-

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tacting him and would so arrange matters that the identity of the Agent would not be divulged thus making it possible for Agents to observe and check any one attending these races.

During Agent Kingman's stay in Havana, he kept under observation various hangouts that would be inhabited by the Subjects of this case if they were in Havana, namely: Sloppy Joe's Bar, Donovans Bar, Plaza Hotel and bar, Seville-Biltmore bar, Eden Concert Night Club, El Patio Restaurant, and the Habana-Madrid Jai Alai Fronton. No one was observed during the week of December 3-8, 1934, resembling any of the outstanding fugitives sought by the Division.

Very truly yours,

CC Division  
Saint Paul

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

December 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Further reference is made to your letter of November 7, 1934,  
and reply from this office of December 10, 1934, concerning John E.  
Spaulding, an employee of the Kansas State Highway Commission.

It has been determined that this individual has a police  
record at the Wichita, Kansas, Police Department, under their #4585433.  
This office is in possession of a photograph taken by the Wichita Police  
at the time of his arrest, which has been identified by Special Agent  
R. G. Reed, of this office, as that of the Spaulding with the Kansas  
State Highway Commission. It shows that he was arrested September 29,  
1930, on charge of vagrancy and investigation. The disposition is not  
shown.

The Division is being requested to furnish this office and  
the Oklahoma City Office with the complete criminal record of Spaulding.

Very truly yours,

R. E. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Little Rock, Arkansas,  
December 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w/a, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w/a, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, w/a, I.O. 1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w/a, I.O. 1232;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

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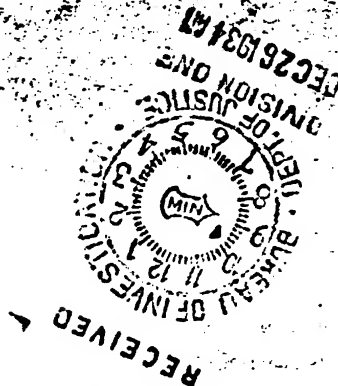
In reviewing investigative reports in the above captioned case, it is noted that a lead appears in the report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise dated October 6, 1934, at Kansas City in which the Little Rock Office is requested to review a file entitled: Earl Stucklick, et al, New Orleans office of origin, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and White Slave Traffic Act, and set out appropriate leads.

The files of this office do not contain any record of a file concerning Earl Stucklick and it is presumed that such a file is at your office. It is, therefore, requested that the necessary review of that file be made and appropriate leads set out.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
December 22, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 829  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases I.O. #1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O. #1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Supplementing letter from this office dated December 19, 1934,  
please be advised that Special Agent D. E. Hall, of this office, again con-  
tacted Confidential Informant [redacted] at Toledo, Ohio under date of December 21,  
1934, who advised Agent Hall that he had been unable to secure the desired  
information as to Marie Borley and the hoodlum she is supposed to be with,  
but that he expects to secure this information before very long.

He further advised that [redacted]

[redacted] had any communication from Mildred. However, on December 20th [redacted]  
received a Christmas gift from Mildred which had been mailed  
via Parcel Post from Marshall Field's Department Store in Chicago, Illinois,  
which carried Mildred's card but had no return address thereon.

He also advised that George Sergeant has not been making any  
further endeavor by making trips out of Toledo to locate Mildred. However,  
he advised that he is confident that if Sergeant should ascertain any infor-  
mation as to Mildred's whereabouts he would immediately go to her and attempt  
to persuade her to leave the area.

[redacted]  
In this way, Informant expects to learn whether Mildred's parents have any  
idea as to whom she is with. He is satisfied that they do not possess this  
knowledge but in the event they should, he will ascertain the same and  
immediately communicate with the Detroit Office by 'phone. Further, he  
advised that he will be on hand to see if George Sergeant secures any infor-  
mation from Mildred's parents. Informant was instructed by Agent Hall that  
the Division could not be responsible for him in the event he should be  
arrested [redacted]

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if possible information which Sergeant may have concerning the death of John Hamilton and the place where he is buried if dead.

Informant will endeavor to secure the information previously requested and will report to the Detroit Office in person under date of December 26, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - St. Paul

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
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Attention Mr. Myer.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.  
S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the original forwarding order signed by  
Frank D. Jones, dated September 5, 1934, in order that your records  
may be complete. An examination of the handwriting of this man  
indicates that it in no way resembles the Frank Jones, formerly of  
Las Vegas, Nevada, who is being investigated by this Division.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
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Mr. F. E. Casby  
Post Office Inspector  
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly place a thirty-day mail cover  
on all first-class mail addressed to the residence of  
Edna Wing, 718 Brighton Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

In submitting the tracings, kindly refer to  
our file 7-25. Your cooperation in this matter will be  
greatly appreciated as in the past.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1216  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.  
#1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division

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POST OFFICE BOX 829  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 20, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN PAUL CHASE with aliases  
JOHN HAMILTON with alias, I.O. 1220 et al  
NAT'L MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING  
OF FUGITIVES; MURDER OF INSPECTOR  
S. P. COWLEY and SPECIAL AGENT E.E.  
HOLLIS.

Reference is made to Division letter dated December 7, 1934,  
and December 17, 1934, as to investigation to be made as to the escape  
of John Herbert Dillinger from the Crown Point, Indiana jail on March 3,  
1934.

This investigation was initiated by Special Agent E.E.  
Hollis who had apparently covered considerable ground in same, judging  
from his notes as to persons he had contacted. However, these notes are  
very meagre as to details of the information obtained, and inasmuch as he  
had not had an opportunity to dictate a report in the matter, this work  
will practically all have to be covered again in our investigation as to  
this. Due to the many points which have developed here indicating the  
possible location of Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Russell  
Gibson and the various contacts of these parties in Chicago, we have not  
had sufficient personnel to make an agent available for assignment to  
this matter, and it has been necessary for us to call upon the Chicago  
office for several agents from day to day, in order to be able to cover  
the pending matters. In this connection nine of the agents assigned to  
the Chicago office are now located and working in connection with the  
leads as to John Paul Chase, at San Francisco, Reno, and Helena, Montana.

Just as soon as we have an agent available to take up this  
matter we will make an early investigation, I having made effort in my  
spare time to review the information which had previously been furnished  
to us as to the alleged situation concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,  
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E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special Assignment)

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box #1987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

December 22, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Penna. Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232  
ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to my letter dated October 17, 1934  
in which the Division is requested to forward ten addition-  
al copies of each Wanted Notice, members of the BARKER-  
KARPIS gang.

At the time of this writing the Temporary Wanted  
Notices referred to have not been received, in view of  
which will you kindly forward the same at an early date?

Very truly yours,

*J. J. Waters*  
J. J. WATERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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January 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213;  
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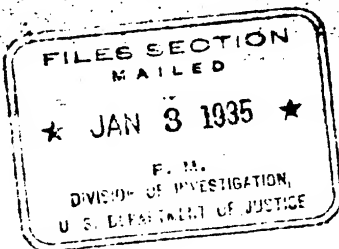
In response to your letter dated December 22, 1934, there are transmitted herewith ten additional copies of the temporary wanted notices prepared on members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

The files of the Division reflect that fifteen copies of the temporary wanted notices were forwarded to your office under date of October 20, 1934 in accordance with the request contained in your letter dated October 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box #419,  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
December 21, 1934.

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REPLY

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,  
(Deceased), ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Please furnish this office with fifteen additional copies of  
the photographic strip containing the pictures of Volney Davis, Fred  
Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Kansas City  
Chicago.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
December 21, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I O #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I O #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I O #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I O #1232;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

In connection with the under-cover assignment of Special Agent J. L. Fallon at the Majestic Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, recently in an endeavor to obtain information of value in the above captioned case, it will be recalled that Agent Fallon had no instructions to make written reports on this matter to this office and, accordingly, no such reports were received from him.

Although I understand as result of telephonic reports from Agent Fallon to me during his stay in Kansas City on this assignment that no information of particular value was received, I thought it advisable to suggest to the Division that the written reports made by Agent Fallon be reviewed at the Division, and in the event it appeared there was any information therein which would be of value to this office in its investigation in the future of the instant case, or other cases, the Division might desire to furnish this office with a copy of such reports of Agent Fallon. The question, of course, as to whether the information in Agent Fallon's reports would be of any value to this office is left to the discretion of the Division.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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December 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232,  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 21, 1934 in the above entitled case, wherein you request to be furnished with reports submitted by Special Agent J. L. Fallon covering his assignment at the Majestic Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri.

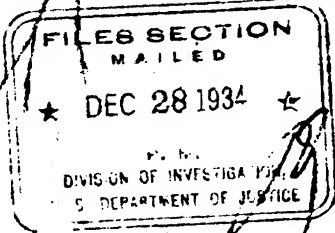
Please be advised that copies of the letters containing information pertinent to this investigation, addressed to the Division by Special Agent Fallon, have already been furnished your office. Special Agent Fallon did not submit a formal report covering this assignment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Post Office Box 879  
Chicago, Illinois.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO. 7-55-

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-21-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/28 &amp; 12/19/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D.L. McCORMACK</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a. I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, w.a. - I.O. #1215; DR. JOS. MORAN, w.a. - I.O. #1232; GEORGE BREMER (Victim)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No indication Wm. F. Harrison operating in Texas; dog tracks are not important in Dallas District.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from Chicago Office, dated Nov. 15, 1934</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">United States Marshal J.R. Wright, Dallas, Texas, advised that the largest dog race track in this section is located at Deer Creek on the Burleson Road, 12 miles South of Fort Worth, Texas, which is known as the old Durringer Place. The only other dog track he is acquainted with is located on the Fort Worth-Dallas Highway back of what is known as Pig Stand No. 1.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At Ft. Worth, Texas, Ralph Martin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, stated he frequents the dog track on the old Durringer Place when it is operating and knows most everyone who does frequent that place. He stated he is not acquainted with Harrison and recognized the picture as one he had ever met. He referred Agent to Sadie Glosson, 5016 College Avenue, Ft. Worth, Texas, a retired police man, who knows all the dog owners in the southwest. Mr. Glosson was interviewed and advised that the old Durringer Place is no longer operating and while it did he does not recall ever meeting a man resembling Harrison's photograph and is sure that the name has never been mentioned around the track. He advised that the track on the Dallas-Fort Worth Highway is not used for racing purposes but merely for training dogs, for which reason no one except owners would ever have occasion to be out there; no betting is done. He stated that the dog tracks actively operating now are at Miami, Miami Beach, West Flagler, Biscayne and a new track called the Hollywood Track within 50 miles of Miami, and the Orange Track in Jacksonville - all in the State of Florida. The Texas Tracks are too small for a man like Harrison probably would be to</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>P. J. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 24 1934</b>	
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frequent since they only have a few dogs and the races draw very little money.

At the time this matter was received for investigation, the race meet at Arlington Downs was completed. There are no places in the vicinity of Arlington Downs where racing people gather, those coming from out of town staying in either Fort Worth or Dallas.

The United States Marshal probably is as well acquainted with persons frequenting the Arlington Downs Track as anyone out there, and he stated that although the picture of Harrison appeared familiar he could not place him and would be unable to say whether he had been at the Arlington Downs Meet.

It is left to the discretion of the Office of origin whether this matter should be referred to the Jacksonville Division Office for investigation at the dog tracks in Florida.

PENDING.



**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-15 JHM/tm**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-20-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/22-12/15-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. M. McGRATH</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>		I.O. 1218; I.O. 1219; I.O. 1212; I.O. 1232;	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Wanted notices on persons sought for questioning in this case placed at Police Department, Mobile, Alabama, Shreveport, La. and New Orleans, La. Doris O'Connor, former wife of Emory Connell, leader of the once famous "Connell Gang" of Oklahoma arrested New Orleans, La. August 3, 1923 along with George Owens, Alonzo Clark and Melvin Stofer, then reported to be members of the Connell Gang, as a fugitive from Justice. The four were tried at Clinton, La. on September 29, 1923 in connection with the burglary of a store at Norwood, La., and all four were acquitted. Emory Connell former husband of Doris O'Connor killed shortly after escape from Arkansas State Penitentiary. M.J. Connell brother of Emory Connell reported living in Chicago, Ill. in 1924.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Division letter dated October 15, 1934 and October 31, 1934.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>AT MOBILE, ALABAMA</b></p> <p>Special Agent A. Rosen placed temporary wanted notices of individuals sought by the Division for questioning in this case in the Identification Bureau of the Police Department at Mobile, Alabama. He contacted Chief of Police Warren F. Burch and Harry Kersten of the Identification Bureau of the Mobile Police</p>			
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Department. No additional data was available in the files of the Police at Mobile.

AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Special Agent J. V. Blake contacted Mr. J. E. McVesty, Identification Officer of the Police Department, who searched his records against the various wanted notices and no record was found of any of the persons sought, at the Shreveport Police Department. The only prior notation Mr. McVesty had was found on a wanted notice for one, Bert Robertson who was wanted by the State Sheriff's office at Lincoln, Neb. On the bottom of this circular for Robertson was a notation that that office also wanted Clyde Himerick. This circular was signed by M. L. Endres, State Sheriff, State of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb. and was dated July 27, 1933.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Temporary wanted notices were placed by the writer with Mr. A. O. O'Boyle, Identification Bureau, New Orleans Police Department and no additional records regarding any of the persons wanted by this Division for questioning was found, except as to Doris O'Connor. The records of the Identification Bureau of the New Orleans Police Department showed that Doris O'Connor, alias Doris Johnson, alias Mrs. Emory Connell, alias Doris Stanley was arrested on August 3, 1923 along with George E. Owens, alias "Slim", alias Tom Morgan, New Orleans Police Department #6991, Melvin R. Stofor, alias Chick Reiser, alias Charles Reiser, alias "Red", alias Glen Edward Gates, New Orleans Police Department #6992 and Alonzo Clark, alias Fred Thomas, alias Arthur Clay, alias Raymond Johnson, New Orleans Police Department #6994. The four were charged with being fugitives from Pine Bluff, Ark., also with being wanted for grand larceny of an automobile. Alonzo Clark and Doris O'Connor were charged for being wanted for murder in Little Rock, Ark. The four were also charged in the U. S. District Court at New Orleans with violation of the Dyer Act, relative to transportation of a stolen automobile from one state to another. The place of arrest was given as Chef Menteur, La. This town is a small place just outside of New Orleans and a ferry operated across a rather wide canal at that point, the subjects were arrested after crossing on the ferry. The arresting officers were: Superintendent of Police Guy R. Maloney, Captain D.B. Jackson, Captain James E. Crips, Detective Mellen and Cassard. The disposition of that arrest was that Doris O'Connor and Melvin Stofor were released from the Parish Prison, New Orleans, La. on August 13, 1923. George Owens was returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to serve three life terms. Arthur Clay, alias Alonzo Clark was sentenced on November 28, 1923 in Federal Court New Orleans, La. on a plea of guilty to transporting a stolen automobile from Little Rock, Ark. to New Orleans, to serve a term of 2 years in the Atlanta Penitentiary. There is a notation that the Dyer Act case was nolle prosequed as to Melvin Stofor, George Owens and Mrs. Emory Connell, alias Doris O'Connor. An article in the New Orleans Police Department Identification Bureau file jacket on this case clipped from the New Orleans Times-Picayune dated August 5, 1923 recited that the four persons arrested on August 4, 1923 as they got off a ferry boat near Chef Menteur drove a car, which was an arsenal on wheels. It contained a quart bottle of nitroglycerin, three loaded pistols and an outfit of burglar tools. The article recited that there was a letter in the pocket of Clay addressed to Mrs. J. Stanley, Tulsa, Oklahoma by Doris O'Connor, this letter was written to her mother and father, it stated that the trial for her husband had been set for the previous day. It spoke of the need for Edna (evidently Edna Murray) and herself to raise \$5,000.00 as things look pretty serious for "M" (evidently Emory Connell). The article recited that the girl had told the

police at that time that her home was in Tulsa. She related that a policeman there had been killed in a car in which she claimed she had been picked up by two strangers, she told the police that she was held in Tulsa for three months on this charge. The article further recited that two weeks before, August 4, 1923, Doris O'Connor had been married to Arthur Clay, alias Alonzo Clark at Greenville, Miss. Clay was quoted as stating that the wedding was a fake ceremony. The article further stated that Doris's sister's husband, Joe Sullivan was also being held in connection with the killing of two police officers at Little Rock, Ark. (This is evidently the crime for which Doris' husband, Emory Connell was tried). The article further stated that Emory Connell's brother, Max Connell was arrested for smuggling hack-saws into the New Orleans Parish Prison. The saws were found in a cell occupied by Charles Zelenka and Felix Bubiglia who were later hanged for the killing of Mrs. Bertha Nelson in April, 1920. The records further indicate that George Owens, alias Tom Morgan was returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and a temporary parole, which had been granted to him, was declared forfeited. A wanted notice from R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to the Chief of Police, New Orleans, indicates that George Owens, alias Tom Morgan escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary a few days prior to January 20, 1932 in company with one Ray Johnson. The notice recites that these men left McAlester Sunday evening with a tall blonde woman who had her hair dyed henna. They were heavily armed, according to information, and were at that time driving a 1923 Buick Coupe. Melvin Stofer, alias Rex Reiser has been the subject of previous investigations made by this Division, the latest one on record in the New Orleans Office being a case entitled Rex Reiser with aliases; Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Victim, White Slave Traffic Act, in which Kansas City was the office of origin, Kansas City file number 31-1862 and New Orleans file 31-1243. The ultimate outcome of that case and any subsequent arrests or convictions of this individual are not on record in the New Orleans office or in the Police Department at New Orleans. The police department records on Arthur Clay, New Orleans Police Department #6994 do not show any arrests or convictions subsequent to his arrest at New Orleans in August, 1923 but they do indicate that Arthur Clay as Al Conroy, Kansas City Police Department #12338 was arrested on April 14, 1923 charge investigation. The records of the New Orleans Police Department also indicate that on February 25, 1924, Melvin Stofer, Joseph Lee and Jack Nelson were arrested and charged with being fugitives, this charge being dismissed. It is believed that this is the same charge as was placed against these subjects in the Federal Court in connection with the transportation of a stolen automobile, this will be referred to subsequently in the same report. An article in the file in the New Orleans newspaper of February 25, 1924 indicates that these individuals were members of the notorious Connell Gang and that they were believed to have helped deliver Connell from the death cell at the Arkansas Penitentiary. The article states that Connell was later killed by a posse. They had in their possession a stolen automobile which police believed they attempted to sell to pay attorney fees for Richard Camp and George Albright, also suspected members of the gang.

Captain Joseph Cassard of the New Orleans Police Department stated that he recalls the arrest of the four individuals above named and it was his recollection that Doris O'Connor had come to New Orleans with her companions in order to secure some money or bonds which it was believed was buried along the river bank somewhere near Chef Monteau. Captain Cassard stated that a great many efforts were made to locate these bonds or securities but these efforts were never successful. Captain Cassard stated that the only associates of Doris O'Connor, whom he could recall were one Joe Torante now deceased who had a saloon somewhere on Poydras Street,



New Orleans at that time, August, 1923. Captain Cassard stated that Doris O'Connor and Melvin Stofer also associated in New Orleans with a woman by the name of Lucille Houston who ran a house of prostitution at the Houston Hotel at 738 Iberville St., New Orleans. Captain Cassard stated that early in the year 1923 a dry goods store at Norwood, La. was robbed. At the time Doris O'Connor and her companion were arrested in August, 1923 they had in their possession a suitcase which was identified by factory number as having been on the shelves of the store at Norwood, La. at the time of the robbery. Doris O'Connor and her companions were tried for this robbery on or about September 29, 1923 but were acquitted. This trial took place at Clinton, La. and Captain Cassard stated he was a witness at the trial. A sister of Doris O'Connor evidently Edna Murray, brought down to Clinton, La. a suitcase full of money and hired one of the best attorneys in that part of the country. Captain Cassard believed his name was Joe Walker of Baton Rouge, La. Captain Cassard stated that Owens was a particularly hard criminal and Clay was very tricky and was thought to have been a safe man.

Although no record of this arrest could be found at the New Orleans Police Department it is possible that Doris O'Connor and the others were not booked at the time, a clipping from the New Orleans Times-Picayune dated December 7, 1923 reads as follows:

"Seven women including the wife of a convicted murderer and three men are under arrest as a result of an attempt to swindle a Canal Street Department Store out of a bolt of silk valued at \$26.25. Those under arrest are Doris Connell, wife of Emory Connell, who is under death sentence for the murder of two Little Rock, Ark. detectives, Mrs. Lucille Houston proprietor of the Houston Hotel 738 Iberville St., Mrs. Emile Carpenter, Rose Chandler, Pauline Gates, Francis Mays and Edna Murphy, Emile Carpenter, Norman Stofer and Roland Gates. All are under charges of having no visible means of support. Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Stofer are accused of operating a confidence game, Mrs. Houston is charged with operating a vice resort. The men and women were arrested in a raid on the hotel. It is alleged the department store was asked to deliver the silk to the hotel. There it was received and a woman asked to be permitted to look at it. She took the package in doors, kept it for a few minutes and then returned it with word that it was not what she wanted. At the store it was found that old silk had been substituted for new orange silk."

The New Orleans Division office has no file on the individuals above named, as all old files were sent to the Division at Washington. However, at the office of the U. S. Attorney there is a file on all four of these individuals in one case, the former New Orleans office file 6-88 entitled Arthur Clay, alias Alonzo Clark, Mrs. Emory J. Connell, George E. Owens and Melvin Stofer, Conspiracy to violate National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. It appears that all four of these individuals were involved in the investigation but an indictment was returned only against Arthur Clay, alias Alonzo Clark, alias Fred Thomas, alias Bernard Johnson at New Orleans during the November term of court 1923. This indictment charged Arthur Clay with the transportation of a Cadillac car stolen at Little Rock, Ark. from Little Rock, Ark. to New Orleans, La. on or about August 3, 1923. Arthur Clay pleaded guilty to this indictment and was sentenced to serve two years at the Atlanta Penitentiary.

The following are descriptions of the above named individuals obtained

from the records of the New Orleans Police Department and the New Orleans Division office:

Name: Arthur Clay, alias Alonzo Clark, alias Fred Thomas, alias Bernard Johnson.  
Age: 26 (August 1923)  
Born: Marseille, Ill.  
Features: Sharp long face and nose.  
Hair: Heavy, pompadour style.  
Peculiarities: Left arm crooked apparently broken.  
Height: 5'6"  
Weight: 175 lbs.

Name: George Edward Owens, alias "Slim", alias Tom Morgan.  
Born: Corsicana, Texas.  
Age: 35 (August 1923)  
Height: 5'7"  
Weight: 145 lbs.  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Blue  
Peculiarities: Walks with head erect, inclined backward and is flatfooted.  
Claims to have met his friends at Smackover, Ark.

Name: Melvin Stofer, with aliases.  
Born: Chicago, Ill.  
Age: 19 yrs. (August 1923)  
Height: 125 lbs.  
Weight: 5'5"  
Features: Long pointed face with numerous pimples  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Dark  
Claims to have left Chicago two years ago to work and worked at Smackover, Ark. in the oil fields.

Name: Doris O'Connor, with aliases.  
Age: 21 (August 1923) Agent Estopinal described her as appearing about 26 years of age.  
Height: 5'4"  
Weight: 125 lbs.  
Hair: Chestnut  
Eyes: Brown  
Teeth: Good

New Orleans file number 26-4 involves Melvin R. Stofer, Joe Lee and Jack Nelson. This file contains a statement made by Rose Chandler, alias Rose Kistner, dated October 14, 1924. Rose Chandler was at that time an associate of Melvin Stofer and Doris O'Connor, one copy of Doris Chandler's statement is being transmitted herewith to the Division and one copy is being forwarded to the Chicago office. This statement contains information which indicates that Doris O'Connor was a former associate of Lucille Houston and Rose Chandler. Efforts have been made to locate both Lucille Houston and Rose Chandler at all known former addresses of these two parties in New Orleans, but to date these efforts have not met with success.

The records in the office of the District Court for the Parish of Orleans  
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indicates that while Doris O'Connor and her associates were in jail at New Orleans, La. in August 1923 Ulic J. Burke and L. R. Hoover attorneys had represented these individuals and had filed a habeas corpus to secure their freedom. This writ was afterward dismissed.

Ulic J. Burke, attorney 320 St. Charles Street, was contacted but he had no recollection of this matter nor did he have any of his records as far back as 1923. He was unable to give any helpful information whatever. Mr. L. R. Hoover who has an office in the Canal Bank Building, New Orleans, La. advised agent that in 1921 an old man, now about 75 years of age, who runs a machine shop on St. Peters St., New Orleans had called on Mr. Hoover and introduced him to Emory Connell and Dr. Max J. Connell, at that time Dr. Max J. Connell was in some sort of trouble regarding an automobile which had been stolen at Indianapolis, Ind. and transported to Southern Mississippi or Southern Louisiana. Mr. Hoover stated that Max Connell was tried on this charge and later acquitted. After Max got out of this trouble he got a job in the Post Office at Chicago, possibly under an assumed name. Mr. Hoover has a record to indicate that he corresponded with Dr. Max J. Connell under the name of E. F. Doocy 342 N. St. Louis, Ave., Chicago, Ill. and also either in care of or to Dr. Connell under the name of Dr. Harry W. Burns 2843 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mr. Hoover said he understood that Dr. Max Connell who was a dentist worked at the King Dental Company, 29th and Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. and had been employed at night in the post office. Mr. Hoover said he has not heard from Max Connell since 1924 and knows nothing of Max Connell's present activities. Mr. Hoover said that Max Connell had married a girl whose father was a Baptist Preacher at Mt. Herman, La. the father was very much disturbed that his daughter had married a man of the type of Connell. However, when Connell moved to Chicago this girl went to live with him. This girl was Connell's second wife. Mr. Hoover said that McVay who referred the Connell brothers to him was a man who had a great many underworld associates and he would not give any information to law-enforcement officials even if he had it. McVay is now about 75 years old and it is not believed, at this time, that he has any underworld connections. Mr. Hoover stated that Dr. Emory Connell and Dr. Max J. Connell formerly had a dental office at Baton Rouge, La. in the Singletary Building, Thomas Connell at Chippewa Falls, Wis. is the father of Dr. Max J. Connell and Dr. Emory Connell.

The records in the Identification Bureau of the New Orleans Police Department indicate that M. J. Connell, alias Maximillian Charissa, alias Edward Burns, alias L. Williams, alias L. Gordon, New Orleans Police Department #5670 was arrested on January 17, 1921, charged with being a fugitive from justice from Summit, Miss. wanted for grand larceny of an automobile. (Note; Max Connell is supposed to have been returned to Indianapolis on this charge and acquitted.)

Dr. M. J. Connell is described as follows:

Place of Birth:	Cairo, Ill. or Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Medium Chestnut
Eyes:	Light Blue
Age:	21 (1-17-21)
Weight:	137
Height:	5'5"

It might be stated that subsequent to his removal to Chicago and after the death of Emory Connell, Max Connell apparently maintained some contacts with former

associates of his brother because when Melvin Stofar, Joe Lee, Jack Nelson, George B. Albright and Richard Camp, were arrested at New Orleans, La. in February, 1924, Dr. Max Connell wired Attorney L. R. Hoover, retaining Mr. Hoover as counsel for these individuals. For some reason the individuals themselves preferred to retain another man by the name of Wolf who is presently practicing law at New Orleans and who is reported to be a rather shady attorney.

Photographs of Melvin Stofar, with aliases, Alonzo Clark, with aliases, George E. Owens, with aliases, who were arrested with Doris O'Connor by the New Orleans Police Department in August 1923 are being forwarded herewith to the Division and the Chicago Office.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE: Is requested to use its own discretion in covering the following suggested leads, in as much as the New Orleans office does not have copies of all reports in this matter and other and more valuable leads may presently be in possession of the Chicago office looking toward the location of Doris O'Connor. It is possible that Doris O'Connor might be located thru Dr. Max Connell her brother-in-law. Dr. Max Connell using the alias E. F. Doocy was located at 342 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago in March, 1924. At about the same time he also instructed that mail could be addressed to him care of Dr. Harry W. Burns 2843 Indiana Ave. Chicago, Ill. Dr. Harry W. Burns might either be a friend or an alias of Dr. Max Connell. It should also be noted that Dr. Max Connell is supposed to have worked at the King Dental Company 29th and Indiana Ave. Chicago, Ill., during the early part of 1924, and he is also supposed to have worked at night in the post office in Chicago in 1924.

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: At Mt. Herman, Louisiana, will endeavor to locate the parents of the wife of Dr. Max Connell in an effort to secure information regarding the whereabouts of Dr. Max Connell and Doris O'Connor. It should be borne in mind that Dr. Max Connell married the daughter of a Baptist Preacher at Mt. Herman and this man is supposed to be well known in the community of Mt. Herman, La.

At Baton Rouge, Louisiana, will place wanted notices of all persons wanted for questioning in connection with this case with the Police Department at Baton Rouge, La. Will also make inquiries for information concerning Dr. Emory Connell Doris O'Connor and Dr. Max Connell as it appears that Dr. Emory Connell and Dr. Max Connell formerly had dental offices in the Singletary Building at Baton Rouge, La.

#### P E N D I N G

NEW ORLEANS, LA. October 14, 1934

This statement is made by me of my own free will, without fear of punishment or hope of reward and the facts set out herein are true and correct, so help me God.

My name is ROSE CHANDLER and I am now living at 1614 Canal Street, New Orleans, La. I expect to be married within the next three weeks to one ARMAND DERIENZO and will then reside at 119 So. Claiborne.

On or about March the first, 1934, I called at the Office of one Maurice Woulfe, a New Orleans Attorney, whose Office is located at the Guarantee Title Building, New Orleans, La. While waiting for Mr. Woulfe to return to his office, a man entered whom I knew as BEN STOFER and he entered into conversation with me. He stated to me that he and JOE LEE and NELSON were going to pull a job at Kenner, La. that it would be a Dry goods store; that it would be easy to get in there unnoticed; and that there would not be any danger to it; that from this robbery they would obtain considerable women's wearing apparel and that if I wished to come along that I could have whatever clothes fitted me; that in the event that they were <sup>caught</sup> pulling this robbery that they would not implicate me. He further stated that Lee's wife who is a sporting woman had beautiful clothes which were derived from various robberies which LEE, NELSON and himself had pulled; and that in the event that I stayed, lived and traveled with him that I would also have beautiful clothes from robberies which they would stage at future dates. While we were talking in the Office of Maurice Woulfe, JOE LEE entered and sat down at Mr. Woulfe's desk and spoke to STOFER, the general conversation being that he was afraid the police were following them.

He then pulled out the bottom drawer of the right hand side of Mr. Woulfe's desk and took therefrom one large and one small revolver and displayed them. He grinned at STOFER and then replaced them back in the drawer.

Then the man known to me as NELSON entered the office, engaged me in conversation and stated if they were going to pull the robbery tonight he could not participate as his wife was coming in on the train from Baton Rouge; that she was pregnant, and a stranger in the City, and that he had to meet her. Then STOFER stated to me "You can meet her for me, Rose, can't you?" I stated that I would meet her as I was not going with them. I went to the Union Station to meet the wife of Nelson. However she did not show up.

After waiting at the Office of Mr. Woulfe for about 30 or 40 minutes the colored man who works for him entered. The Stenographer stated that Mr. Woulfe was engaged in talking to somebody in another office in the building. The Negro left to notify Woulfe that STOFER, LEE, NELSON and myself were waiting for him in the Office. About 5 minutes later Woulfe entered and said "Hello" to everybody. He had a conversation with STOFER concerning an automobile. It seemed that Woulfe had borrowed an automobile from some friend of his and was to return it that day at 4:00 P.M. Stofer stated to him that they wanted to use the car that night. Then Woulfe stated to STOFER he could have the car if he returned it that evening to its owner whom STOFER was acquainted with.

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I believe from conversation that this owner whose name I do not recollect now had his office in the Maison Blanche Building.

Then Lee left the Office, leaving STOFER, NELSON, WOULFE and myself together. STOFER asked me if I wanted to take a little ride with them to collect some money, meaning to take a ride with NELSON, the nigger and himself. I decided to go stating that they could put me off at my home which was then 1024 Camp Street. Then STOFER left the Office. In a few minutes the owner of the car appeared, asked Mr. Woulfe for his car. WOULFE stated to him that he had loaned it to STOFER to go on an errand for him and that he would return it to him that afternoon. The Owner then left.

STOFER returned to the Office, notified the negro in the presence of WOULFE to come along with him to collect the money as WOULFE had previously stated to him that he could have the money which the negro was to collect which amounted to about \$3.00. I then left the Office accompanied by STOFER, NELSON and the negro.

We entered the automobile which was a black MAXWELL touring car, and STOFER took the wheel. He drove up St. Charles Avenue, stopped in front of a white house, the address of which I do not know but which I could locate. The negro got out of the car and entered this house. He returned in a few minutes, entered the car and we drove away. En route STOFER asked him "Did you get the money?" The negro whose name I do not know but who is employed by Mr. WOULFE and whom I can identify replied "Yes" and turned over to STOFER three one dollar bills. Stofer exclaimed "Is that all you got?" The negro replied "That's all".

At about the same time two guns were passed to STOFER who was driving. I am not positive as to whether the negro or NELSON passed these guns. However both were seated in the rear of the car. Then they drove me to my home giving me instruction to be sure and meet NELSON'S wife at the depot that evening.

Prior to this STOFER had taken me to the home of LEE which is located on Gravier St. the address of which I can find out if necessary. We had supper there and later I returned with to town accompanied by LEE and STOFER. LEE left us on Canal Street. Then STOFER took me to a saloon or cafe located at the back of the Terminal Station. I do not know the address of this Cafe but it is on the corner of Iberville St. and the basin or Franklin St. I can get the address of this place, as I had been there once before with DORIS CONNELL of the famous CONNELL GANG.

STOFER had an interview there with an elderly man and then left the place. I did not hear the conversation in full; however I heard the elderly man warn STOFER that he should not be messing around there at that time as the police were watching him so closely. We then met LEE as pre-arranged at Iberville and Rampart St. STOFER gave LEE instructions to return to the CAFE we had just left and to receive from the elderly man whose name I do not know a package. Lee obtained this package, rejoined us, walked up the Street a little which was Rampart, and then down Conti. He appeared nervous and turned this package over to me stating that I had a big coat on and could hide the package under my coat.



STOFER then notified me that they were stolen license plates, ~~xxx~~ to be used that night on a stolen automobile which they had at a garage, the address of which I do not know. The car being put there by them to have all the numbers taken off. STOFER and LEE stated to me at that time that the man who brought this car to New Orleans were at that time in jail at the Parish Prison. I then asked him "Why give me these stolen license plates?" LEE replied "There is no danger, you can easily hide them". I then instructed them to walk ahead as I passed a Garage door, and placed the package containing the said plates under the door of the garage. We then entered a moving picture show at Canal Street at LEE'S suggestion, he stating that if anybody was following us we could throw them off. While in the theater, LEE inquired if I held the license plates. I replied that I had placed them under the Garage door at Conti Street. He then appeared nervous and mad, passed me the large revolver, which I had seen in the desk of Maurice Wolfe and left the theater. He returned in about five minutes and had the said license plates in his possession. In the desk of Maurice Wolfe, New Orleans, Attorney I had seen this gun on several occasions. I then left STOFER and LEE.

Sometime during the month of February 1924, DORIS CONNELL was released from the Parish Prison where she had been detained for sometime on a charge of murder and transporting a stolen automobile from one state to another. Immediately after her release she came to live with me at the Houston Hotel, 738 Iberville St. said Hotel being run by one LUCILE HOUSTON. She stayed there with me for about three days. Then her sister came from Kansas City and they left, I believe, the same evening for said City.

During DORIS CONNELL'S stay at the HOUSTON HOTEL, STOFER was living with Lucile Houston. In general conversation with DORIS CONNELL she stated that STOFER was a "Dirty dog; that he had double crossed her on several occasions; and that he had double crossed her on \$30,000. worth of stolen bonds which she got from some robbery that her gang had participated in.

The members of this gang whom I knew of were JOE MOORE, alias MORGAN, now in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, JOE SULLIVAN, electrocuted about a year ago in Arkansas, EMORY CONNELL, shot about a year ago and attempted to escape from the State Penitentiary at Arkansas; BILL OWENS who was sent back to serve a life sentence in Kansas but who was released or pardoned about two weeks after he was sent back; and REX STOFER. Of this Gang I knew personally the following: DORIS CONNELL, JOE MOORE, alias MORGAN, BILL OWENS and REX STOFER.

I understand that the bonds in question were stolen from a Bank <sup>or a store</sup> at NORWOOD, La. or somewhere in Louisiana. In fact STOFER stated to me that the GANG stole them from a Bank at NORWOOD, La. However DORIS CONNELL, altho admitting knowledge of the stolen bonds never stated definitely ~~xxx~~ to me where they came from. She stated to me on one occasion that when they arrived in New Orleans, La. that they had the bonds in their possession. However this trip might have been after the NORWOOD robbery, as they did not stay long in any place moving from one place to another.

MR. ARMAND DERIENZO, the man whom I am to marry shortly and who is now employed as second mate of the S.S. BALDWIN, owned by the MCALLISTER BROTHERS of 21-24 State Street, New York, and who had previously stayed at the Houston Hotel, 738 Iberville St. New Orleans, La. stated to me that he had heard a conversation between LUCILE HOUSTON and REX STOFER concerning these bonds.

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Further that he overheard LUCILE HOUSTON state to STOPER that she could take these bonds to MEXICO and get rid of them.. However she did not want to fool with them as she could only get half value for them in that Country.

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In talking with LUCILE HOUSTON concerning these bonds I asked them if she had them in her trunk and she replied "No, indeed, I have them in my mattress" meaning the mattress which was on her bed.

STEVE KISTNER MacCULOUS, who was a Special Officer of the New Orleans Police Department was living with LUCILE HOUSTON at this time. I do not know if MacCULOUS knew anything about these bonds. However Mr. DORRIZZO will be in New Orleans in a couple of days and will be glad to tell what he knows concerning this matter.

While walking to Court one day with Mr. DORRIZZO and ATTORNEY MAURICE WOULFE, STOPER was discussed. DORRIZZO asked WOULFE if STOPER might not turn over these bonds to WOULFE. WOULFE replied: "If OWENS knew what I know about STOPER, he will kill him when he gets out of the penitentiary."

I personally believe altho I have no evidence to prove same that MAURICE WOULFE, N.O. Attorney knows all about \$30,000. bonds stolen by the CORRELL GANG and probably has or has had same in his possession.

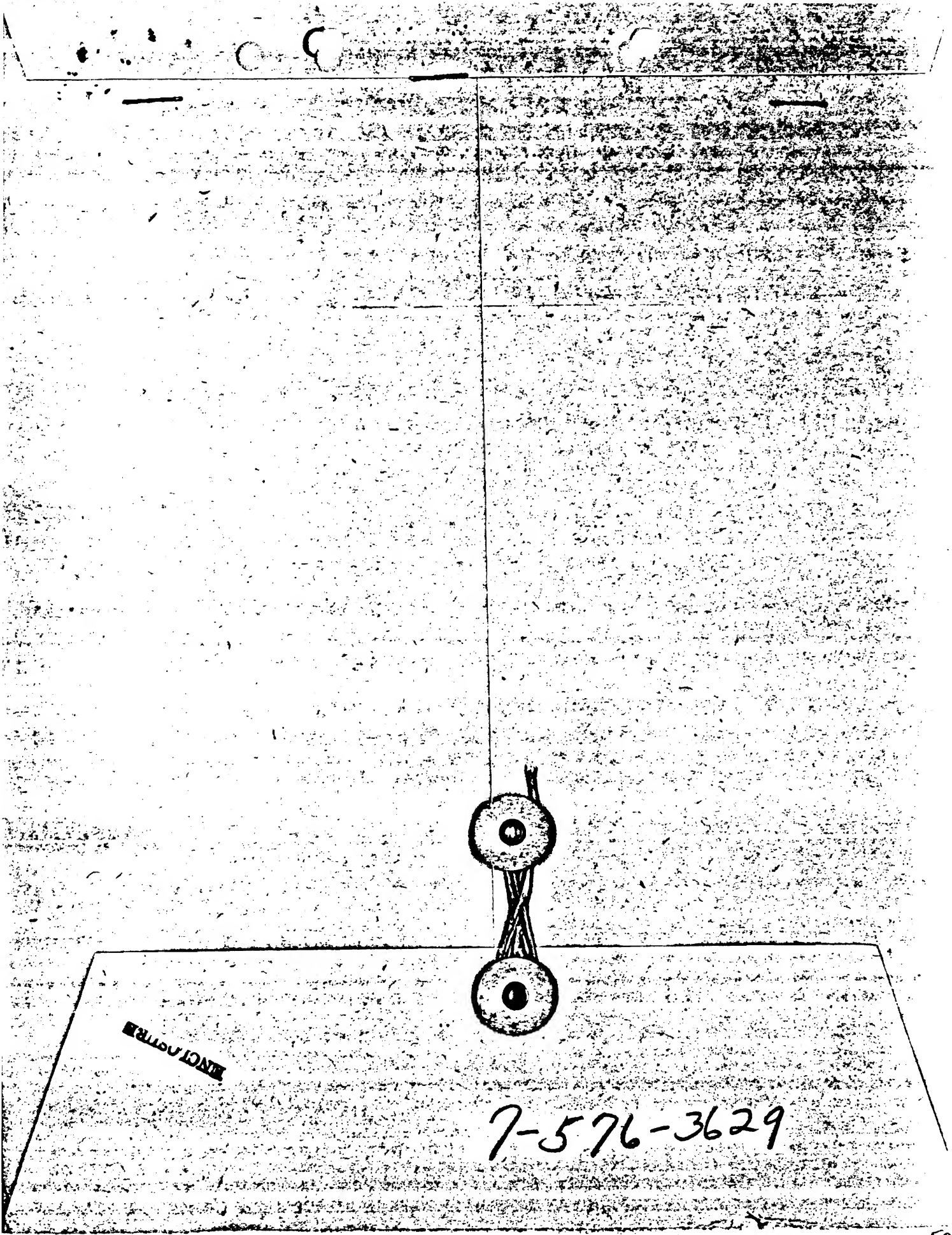
However I will endeavor to find out who has had these bonds and who has them now in their possession. If they have been disposed of I will endeavor to find out the name and address of the purchaser.

My marriage name was ROSE CHANDLER. I have recently been divorced from my husband. My rightful name is ROSE KISTNER.

*Rose Kistner*

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME  
this 14th day of October, 1924.

U.S. COMMISSIONER



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

L. A. FILE NO. **7-42**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-21-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/8, 12, 18/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>James G. Findlay</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>RECEIVED BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE DEC 23 1934 PM</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>There are no dog races in Los Angeles or Southern California. The horse racing season does not begin until December 25, 1934. Cover placed on mail at 312 So. Westlake Ave., Los Angeles, and information relative to mail tracings furnished. Cover placed on mail of Mrs. Louis Henebergh, 513, 513 1/2 and 513-3/4 So. Union Ave., Los Angeles, has resulted in three mail tracings.</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter of Inspector S. P. Cowley, 11-20-34; Letter from Kansas City office, 12-10-34, &amp; Report of Special Agent James G. Findlay, Los Angeles, Calif., dated December 3, 1934.</p>			
<p><u>AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.</u></p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>With reference to the letter of Inspector S. P. Cowley dated November 20, 1934, which sets forth the leads endeavoring to locate WILLIAM J. HARRISON, agent has conducted investigation at Los Angeles and vicinity and has developed the fact that there are no dog races in southern California at the present time, and in police and sporting circles it was impossible to ascertain when there would be any in the future.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J. E. P. Dunn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-3630</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 28 1934</b>
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The horse racing season does not begin until December 25, 1934, at which time this matter will be given attention in accordance with the first letter of reference.

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City Division office dated December 10, 1934, setting out leads for Balboa and Ensenada, California, a telegram was directed to the Kansas City office with respect to the lead at Ensenada, California, calling attention to the fact that this was evidently intended for Ensenada, Baja (Lower) California, Mexico. A reply was received cancelling said leads. However, before the telegram was received cancelling said leads, Special Agent W. M. Bott of this office had conducted investigation at Balboa, California, and had not been able to obtain any information of value at that point.

A cover has been kept on the mail at 512 South Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles, in an effort to ascertain something about R. C. GREEN, the party to whom WILLIAM J. HARRISON, Hammond, Indiana, placed a long distance telephone call on April 12, 1933. This agent's report dated December 3, 1934, partially covered this lead. Since that date the information has been obtained that the following parties are receiving mail at said address at the present time:-

Frank E. Roe;	Mrs. Mae E. Bartow, San Diego, California;
Maurine Ross;	Howard W. Bartow, San Diego, California;
Kate K. Drake;	Mrs. Elvina Maist, San Diego, California;
Mrs. Louis Whitman;	Mrs. Bill Bailey;
Frank E. Roy;	Maurice Ross;
J. A. Herron;	George Dent;
A. H. Ackley;	Mrs. J. Wentworth.

Mail tracings have been obtained by the post office authorities and have been furnished to this office on mail going to said address, as follows:-

MRS. MAE BARTOW, return address Howard Bartow, San Diego, California;  
MRS. MAE BARTOW, return address One Norway Street, Boston, Massachusetts;  
MAE F. BARTOW, return address Huntington Park, California;  
M. ROSS, return address 36 N.E. First Ave., Miami, Florida;  
MR. MAURICE ROSS, return address New York City;  
MAURICE ROSS, return address B. Ross, New York City;  
MR. MAURICE ROSS, return address Betty Ross Lunick, Capen House, Northampton, Mass.;  
MR. MAURICE ROSS, return address New York;  
MAURICE ROSS, return address Miami, Florida;  
MRS. K. K. DRAKE, return address 1865 Caloma Road, Washington, D. C.;  
K. K. DRAKE, return address Johns-Hopkins Hosp., Baltimore, Md.;  
KATE K. DRAKE, return address KNBC, Kansas City, Mo.;  
JOHN L. HERRON, return address Dept. of Public Safety, Pittsburgh, Pa.;  
FRANK E. ROY, return address 847 So. Ward Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.;  
MRS. J. WENTWORTH;  
MRS. BILL BAILEY, return address B. Bailey, Paramount Hotel, Shanghai, China;  
A. H. ACKLEY, return address Box 420 Arcade Annex, Los Angeles, Calif.



A cover was placed on the mail going to 513, 513 1/2 and 513-3/4 South Union Avenue, Los Angeles, in an effort to ascertain information about KATE BARKER, who is a sister of MRS. LOUIS HENNINGER, living at one of said addresses, with the result that it has been ascertained that MRS. OKEMA REYNOLDS has received mail at 513 South Union Avenue with return address R. R. REYNOLDS, 419 South Wheeling Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A letter has been received at 513 So. Union Avenue from the County Treasurer, Dallas, Texas, address typewritten, from the county officials.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Los Angeles and vicinity, is continuing investigation in this matter, and reports will be submitted promptly.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-15 JMA/tm**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-23-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. M. McGrath</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;</b> <b>ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;</b> <b>RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1218;</b> <b>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;</b> <b>ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. E. L. Dean Postmaster and Mrs. Louisa Summers operator of a boarding house at Pearlington, Miss., advised that Doris Connell, alias Doris O'Connor lived at Pearlington for about five months late in 1922 and early in 1923. In August 1923 Doris Connell Melvin Stofer, a man named Owens and another man came to Pearlington and stayed a couple of days at the residence of Mrs. Summers. Since that time neither Mrs. Dean or Mrs. Summers have heard anything from Doris O'Connor nor do they have any information as to her present whereabouts.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. M. McGrath, New Orleans, La., December 20, 1934.			
DETAILS: As stated in the report of reference the old New Orleans Office files have been sent to the Division at Washington, D. C. and the New Orleans office has no record of the case entitled Arthur Clay, et al, Conspiracy to Violate the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, New Orleans Office file 6-28. However, a review of the U. S. Attorney's office file in this matter disclosed a statement made by Melvin Stofer in which he stated that in company with Doris Connell, alias Doris O'Connor, Tom Owens, alias Tom Morgan, and Arthur Clay. He arrived at Pearlington, Miss. on July 30 or 31st and stopped at a boarding house run by a Mrs. Summers until August 3, 1923. Melvin Stofer in his signed statement said that Doris had known Mrs. Summers before and was very friendly with her. In view of this it was			
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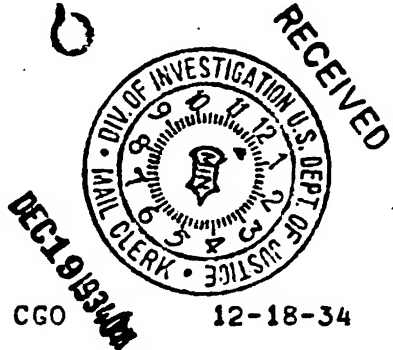
deemed advisable to conduct investigation at Pearlinton, Miss. to determine what present connections Doris O'Connor might have in that vicinity.

Mrs. E. L. Dean, Postmistress at Pearlinton, Miss., advised agent that Doris O'Connor, who at that time went under the name of Mrs. Doris Melville, came to Pearlinton, Miss. late in the year 1922 with her husband who was going by the name of Emory Melville and another man by the name of Thomas, they rented a house next door to Mrs. Dean from a man by the name of Abner Hursay, now deceased, who was then operator of the ferry boat Leta, which operated on the Pearl River. It was evidently through some connection that Abner Hursay had that the Melvilles came to live at Pearlinton, Miss. They had no occupation, and while they were there they were suspected of having been participants in several robberies, which occurred in adjoining towns. While at Pearlinton the Melvilles, alias the Connells, were frequently visited by a man by the name of McVay, who is evidently the same man named McVay who is mentioned in the report of reference. Mrs. Dean identified the picture of Doris Connell, which is the New Orleans Police photograph of her, but she stated that this is not a very good photograph as Doris Connell is a better looking woman than the picture depicts her as being. Mrs. Dean stated that Doris Connell was a very bright woman and appeared to be quiet and refined while living at Pearlinton. This group at that time was not suspected of being the participants in these robberies. Mrs. Dean stated that from information which subsequently developed, it appeared that Doris Connell was the brains of the group of men with which she was associated. The second time Doris O'Connor came to Pearlinton, Miss. was in about the early part of August 1923, according to Mrs. Dean, and at that time she stayed a couple of days at the residence of Mrs. Louisa Summers. Doris was then accompanied by Melvin Stofor, a man by the name of Owen and another man whose name Mrs. Dean did not know, but this man was evidently Clay.

Mrs. Louisa Summers stated that Doris Connell stayed at her home under the name of Mrs. Doris Melville in early August 1923, she stopped there for two or three days and occupied a room at the home of Mrs. Summers. She was accompanied by three men whose names Mrs. Summers did not know, and these three men occupied another room at the home of Mrs. Summers. Mrs. Summers stated that Doris had an infant son, then about two years of age, living with Doris' parents at Tulsa, Okla. This child's name was either Mat or Henry.

Neither Mrs. Dean or Mrs. Summers were able to identify any of the other photographs of persons wanted for questioning in connection with this case and they both promised to notify the New Orleans Division office should Doris O'Connor or any of these other persons put in an appearance at Pearlinton, Miss.

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Mr. Clegg.....
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AUTHORITY REQUESTED PAY \$35. ONE MONTHS RENT APARTMENT 644 YORK PLACE  
SURVEILLANCE 641 W. OAKDALE AND TELEPHONE TAP AUTHORITY ALSO APXXX  
PAY APPROXIMATELY \$50. ONE MONTH RENT ROOM 61 EAST OAK STREET  
SRUVEILLANCE 57 EAST OAK BOTH KNOWN CONTACTS MILDRED CLARK ALIAS  
ESSER PARAMOUR ARTHUR H. BARKER ALSO AUTHORITY TAP TELEPHONE WHITEHALL  
6844 LISTED LUCILLE M. COLEMAN APARTMENT TWO 57 EAST OAK.

HAVE LOCATED MILDRED CLARK ALIAS ESSER AND WOMAN COMPANION WHO WERE  
SATURDAY MORRISON HOTEL NOW LIVING 641 W. OAKDALE WHICH WE HAVE  
COVERED. DETERMINED FORD VICTORIA ILLINOIS TAGS 1-289-927 USED  
SATURDAY BY MILDRED AND FRIEND AND UNKNOWN MAN WHO IS NOT ONE OF  
SUBJECTS WAS PURCHASED NOVEMBER 25 LAST CHICAGO BY RUSSELL GIBSON ALIAS  
SLIM GRAY WHO WAS REGISTERED AS ANDREW ALLEN HARRISON HOTEL DECEMBER  
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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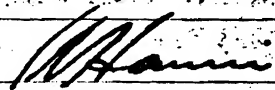
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/24/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/15 to 12/15/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>O. C. DEWEY TMH</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ..... VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Temporary wanted notices for Subjects in this case left with Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department and with the Iowa State Bureau of Identification. Additional information secured concerning Clyde Nimerick and Myrtle Eaton who were arrested in Des Moines, on 12/19/31, with Nimerick's wife, "Go-About" Riley and Nina Snyder. Details concerning Charles J. Fitzgerald's participation, with four others in robbery of the State Bank, Estherville, Iowa, on 8/30/29, likewise secured. Myrtle Eaton reported in Des Moines, Iowa during week of November 4, 1934, with new boy friend, name unknown. "Doc" Eaton, with two women and two other men, in Des Moines, week end of Dec. 7, 1934 and attempted to take local bootlegger for ride; one party thought to have been Clyde Nimerick. Numerous raids made in Des Moines, Iowa in effort to secure information. Myrtle Eaton expected in Des Moines over Christmas Holidays.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- p -</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Division letter dated October 15, 1934; report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Saint Paul, November 10, 1934.</p>			
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DETAILS:      At Des Moines, Iowa

Temporary wanted notices for Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Jesse Doyle, Myrtle Eaton, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Edna Murray, Clyde Nimerick, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker left with the Identification Bureau of the Police Department, Sheriff's Office and the State Bureau of Identification, Des Moines, Iowa. A search of all three of these Identification Bureaus revealed only information as to Myrtle Eaton, Clyde Nimerick and Charles Fitzgerald. There was no information to be had on the other Subjects.

At the State Bureau of Identification, the full criminal record of Clyde Nimerick, alias C. D. Harris, was secured and is as follows:-

CHARLES D. HARRIS, CLYDE NIMERICK, CLYDE H. NIMERICK,  
EDDIE CARSON, JAMES ALLEN WOODRUFF, JAMES A. WOODRUFF:

2/4/18    Arrested Enid, Oklahoma as #361, SO; chg.,  
          having explosives in possession; sentence,  
          held for U. S. Government.

11/24/19 Arrested Kansas City, Mo., as #9751, PD;  
          chg., vagrancy, inv., stickup; sentence,  
          not given.

9/26/20    Rec'd. Mo. St. Pen., as #23087, from  
          Livingston County; chg., having burglar's  
          tools; sentence, 2 years.

12/7/21    Arrested Albia, Ia. by SO, as Eddie Carson;  
          chg., possession burglar's tools; sentence,  
          discharged.

3/13/24    Arrested Denver, Colo., as #9248, PD; chg.,  
          bank robbery, fugitive; sentence, not given.

11/29/24    Rec'd. St. Pen., Lansing, Kas., as #8742,  
          from Harvey County; chg., burg. 2nd deg.  
          and larceny; sentence, 5-10 years.

11/8/29    "Inquiry made by PD, Denver, Colo. as #9248"

12/29/31    Arrested Des Moines, Ia., PD, #9024; inv.,  
          sentence, released to Kas. City Police for  
          bank robbery chg.; jumped \$20,000.00 bond.  
          WANTED by Kansas City, Mo., PD.

(Nimerick)

5/4/33

WANTED for robbery of First Nat. Bank, Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebr., as per circular issued by State Sheriff's Office, Lincoln, Nebr., Felony warrant issued.

With reference to the arrest of Nimerick by the Sheriff, at Albia, Iowa, December 7, 1921, it was ascertained from the Sheriff that Nimerick used the name of Eddie Carson and was arrested with one John Ryan, on a charge of possessing burglar tools. Ryan plead guilty and was sentenced to fifteen years in the Iowa State Penitentiary and the case against Carson was dismissed for want of sufficient evidence.

With reference to the arrest of Nimerick as C. D. Harris, by the Des Moines Police Department, it was learned that the arrest was made December 29, 1931, at the Northwestern Hotel, in Des Moines, where Nimerick was staying under the name of C. D. Harris. He had with him, his wife, Mrs. C. D. Harris, Des Moines PD #9017; Myrtle Eaton, Des Moines PD #5805; John Waters, alias "Go-About" Riley, Des Moines PD #2820; and Nina Snyder, the alleged wife of Riley, Des Moines PD #5542. "Doc" Eaton was with this crowd at the Northwestern Hotel but got away before being arrested. No charges were filed against any of the above, but Nimerick was turned over to the Kansas City, Missouri, Police on bank robbery charges and subsequently jumped his bond of \$20,000.00 and disappeared.

At the time of the above arrest, Nimerick advised the police he was born November 23, 1897, at Parsons, Kansas, and that his last residence was Minneapolis, Minnesota. He claimed to be working for the Phoenix Finance Company, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition to taking Nimerick's fingerprints and police photograph, a full length picture was taken and likewise the full palm prints of both his hands.

With Nimerick was his wife, Mrs. C. D. Harris, Des Moines PD #9017, who is described as 24 years; 5 feet 6½ inches; 118 pounds; brown hair; blue eyes; fair complexion. She claimed to be born December 31, 1897 in Linn County, Missouri, but lived most of her life in Chicago. She gave her address at that time as Saint Paul, Minnesota. According to Chief of Detectives Al Pederson, Des Moines, Iowa, at the time she was arrested, she told him she used to be around Des Moines, Iowa; that she was formerly the wife of John "Dutch" Heizer, a Des Moines gambler. According to Pederson, Heizer left Des Moines several years ago and went to Chicago, Illinois where he later killed a police officer. From there he fled to Saint Louis, Mo.;

thence to Kansas City, Missouri. Heizer was killed a few years ago at Kansas City, following his holding up a crap game. Chief Pederson advised that Mrs. Harris' first name was "Frances" and it was his recollection that she told him she had married Heizer at Des Moines, Iowa.

A careful search was made by Agent of the Polk County, Des Moines, Iowa, marriage license records, but no entry was found of a marriage of a person by the name of Heizer, Hiezer or Hizer, or the same variation spelled with an "s". Full length photograph of Nimerick, together with a picture of Mrs. Harris, his wife, has been forwarded to the Chicago Office with the request that copies be made and forwarded to the interested offices.

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At the State Bureau of Identification, Des Moines, Iowa, the complete record of Charles Joseph Fitzgerald, was secured and is as follows:-

CHARLES JOSEPH FITZGERALD: W. E. Fitzgerald, Charles E. Lowe, J. C. Adams, W. M. Funk, William Funk, Charles Jordan, Frank West, Daniel Mathias Logan, Big Fritz, Slim Williams, Big Charley, Chi Slim, Charles Morgan, J. C. Hammond:

Served a term in Men's Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa; no further data furnished; has served in State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas; no further data furnished.

3/28/98 Arrested Kansas City, Mo. by railroad police; chg., C.C.W.; sentence, fined \$50.00.

9/9/99 Sent to State Prison, Lansing, Kas. from Reno County, As No. 9017; sentence, 2 years. (First sentenced to State Ref., Hutchinson, Kas., escaped and was transferred to prison to finish term.)

4/9/05 Arrested Sedalia, Mo.; Chg., suspicious character; sentence, released.

1906 Arrested Winnipeg, Canada; chg., susp. burg.; sentence, given hours to leave.

4/7/09 Arrested Dallas, Texas; chg., safe burglar

5/1/09 Sentence, released (arrested with gang of expert burglars and yegg men. After their release it was discovered they were undoubtedly the ones who had blown safe & vault at Buffalo, Tex., 5/13/09. The safe at Frankston, Tex. was blown by these men.)

(Fitzgerald)

2/23/10 Arrested Little Rock, Ark.; chg., grand larceny;  
sentence, not given.

6/24/10 Arrested Claremore, Okla. by Post Office Inspector;  
chg., burg. of P.O. at Pryor, Okla.; sentence,  
the evidence was not sufficient to hold for G.J.  
and turned over to State authorities of Anderson  
County, Tex. for robbery of bank, Frankston, Tex.  
and was finally acquitted.

4/29/14 Arrested Chattanooga, Tenn.; chg., unlawful  
transportation of explosives; sentence, 1 year  
and 1 day, U. S. Pen., Atlanta, Ga.

8/2/14 Rec'd. U. S. Pen., Atlanta, Ga., as #4975, from  
Chattanooga, Tenn.; chg., unlawful transportation  
of explosives; sentence, 1 year and 1 day.

3/8/15 Discharged by expiration of sentence.

4/5/16 Arrested Chicago, Ill.; chg., disorderly conduct,  
sentence, fined \$100.00 and costs.

7/20/16 Arrested St. Louis, Mo., as #10799; chg., bank  
burg. and train robbery;

7/26/16 Sentence - discharged.

4/24/17 Arrested Kansas City, Mo., as No. 8035; chg., in-  
vestigation (grand larceny, auto thief, safe blower  
and bank burglar);

6/22/17 Sentence - discharged.

12/7/18 Arrested Memphis, Tenn., as #3050; chg., susp.  
(safe blower); sentence, \$50.00 forfeited.

1/30/19 Arrested Detroit, Mich., as #11006; chg., fugitive  
(safe blowing); sentence, not given.

4/22/19 Arrested Toledo, Ohio, as #9010; chg., fugitive-  
wanted Ellsworth, Kansas for safe blowing;  
sentence not given.

6/13/28 WANTED by Sheriff, Lincoln, Nebr. as leader of  
a gang of bank stickup men.

9/9/29 WANTED-Indicted by Emmet Co. Grand Jury for par-  
ticipating in robbery of Emmet County State Bank,  
Estherville, Iowa, 8/30/29.

In connection with the notation that Fitzgerald had served a term in the Men's Reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa, a communication was sent to the Warden of this Reformatory and he advised he had no record of Fitzgerald. It is possible that Fitzgerald was incarcerated prior to the time that this institution took fingerprints.

Fitzgerald is wanted by the State of Iowa for the robbery of the Emmet County State Bank, at Estherville, Iowa, on August 30, 1929, when \$2,000.00 was taken. Four men entered this bank and one remained in the car. They drove a 1929 Buick Sedan, with Alabama license #11375-B, which was found to have been stolen at Birmingham, Alabama and was traced as far north as Mason City, Iowa, just prior to the bank robbery.

An examination was made of the file in the office of the State Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice at Des Moines and considerable information was found therein concerning Fitzgerald and as to his associates. Information was found to the effect that Fitzgerald was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on June 2, 1914, at which time he gave the age of 40 years; his occupation as telegraph operator; that he had a common school education; was a Catholic; married, no children; a native of Missouri; that his father was born in Ireland and his mother in New Jersey; that his wife lived at Toledo, Ohio and Rockford, Illinois. He corresponded with his sister, Jessie Fitzgerald, 111 Park Road, Chicago, Illinois; 619 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and 1167 So. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Other information was to the effect that Fitzgerald was an associate of Frank Matthews, alias J. G. Winfield, a member of the J. S. Morgan Gang of bank robbers. Matthews was convicted for the robbery of the bank at Lyerly, Ga., some years ago.

A letter was found in the file from Ernest J. Meili, Probation Officer, Saint Paul, Minnesota, advising that on December 11, 1933, John Hammond plead guilty to violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and was placed on probation. The Saint Paul Police Department subsequently advised that Hammond was identical with Charles J. Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald was also an associate of Ed Ritchey, age 49; 5 feet 11½ inches; 200 pounds; smooth shaven; round face; regarded as "brainy", resourceful and fearless. He formerly operated a gambling house at Tulsa, Sapulpa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He served a term for murder at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, or the State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas. He is alleged to have killed a man who paid too much attention to his wife. His second wife is supposed to live in Chicago. He participated in numerous bank robberies.



Another associate of Fitzgerald was El Clark, formerly an Oklahoma City gambler and a close friend of Ritchey. He was described as 55 years; 5 feet 7 inches; 140 pounds; slender build; has appearance of a Jew; smooth face and grey eyes.

Stacy Gibbs, age 47; 5 feet 5 inches; short nose which comes to sharp point and turns slightly upward; very Irish appearing face; hair rather long and parted in middle - was another associate of Fitzgerald. Gibbs was arrested with Fitzgerald at Fort Worth, Texas, several years ago.

Another associate was James Caruthers, known as "Jimmy", who was an intimate friend of Fitzgerald and Ritchey. He was likewise a former gambler in Oklahoma City. He is described as 50 years; 5 feet 10 or 11 inches; 165 pounds; slender build; medium dark complexion; smooth face; good appearance and served time in the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, or the State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Two persons were identified with Fitzgerald in the Emmet County State Bank job, one being Elman Stone, who formerly resided at Estherville, Iowa. He is alleged to have driven the car and has a brother now residing in Estherville. The other person identified in this robbery was Harry Morris, alias "Slim" Morgan, Minneapolis, PD #C-7622. He was later killed, August 18, 1931, and his body found near Red Wing, Minnesota.

Investigation made by the Iowa State Agents and the Illinois Bankers Association of Chicago, revealed that Fitzgerald hung around the Metropole Hotel, in Chicago, Illinois. An informant by the name of [REDACTED] gave considerable information.

One of the women of the gang, who was more or less associated with Harry Morris, was known as "Marge". She was identified as Florence Bright, alias Madge Rites, alias Marge Kelly, and is described as 30 to 35 years; 5 feet 7 or 8 inches; 135 to 140 pounds; complexion dark; black hair; scar about one inch long, slightly below left eye; is American but speaks German fluently. She formerly worked at the Leland Hotel, Aurora, Illinois; at the Black Hawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa; at Clinton, Iowa; and at Sioux City and Des Moines, Iowa. She drove a Lincoln Sedan with Illinois plates 355-855 (1929 or 1930) which was registered in the name of James Maloney, Route #2, Willow Springs Road, La Grange, Illinois. She is said to have been a former bareback rider in a circus and was used as a "tipster" by the Fitzgerald gang.

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The complete criminal record of Myrtle Eaton, is as follows:

MRS. ALICE MARTIN, alias MYRTLE KING, alias ~~SUE BOND~~,  
alias RUTH MARTIN;

2/27/30 Arrested Minneapolis, Minn., as #23113, PD,  
grand larceny, S.L.; sentence, not given.  
12/9/30 Arrested St. Paul, Minn., as #22402, PD;  
chg., shoplifting; sentence not given.  
12/29/31 Arrested Des Moines, Ia., as #5305, PD;  
chg., investigation; sentence, released.

The arrests of Myrtle Eaton, at Saint Paul and Minneapolis are covered in the report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Saint Paul, November 10, 1934.

It is believed advisable at this time to set forth complete information regarding this Subject.

MYRTLE EATON was born in Des Moines, Iowa, March 14, 1902, her maiden name being Myrtle Hubbard. She had two sisters, Elsie and Ruby. Elsie married "Bud" Joyce at Des Moines, Iowa and Joyce was later sent to the Minnesota State Penitentiary for robbery. About three years ago, while en route to see her husband, Elsie was killed in an automobile accident. "Bud" Joyce was released from the penitentiary about a year ago and later was arrested at Ottumwa, Iowa, as a suspect in the murder of the daughter of a bootlegger. He was recently freed and has returned to Des Moines. He has been contacted by this Agent and further mention will be made later in this report regarding him.

Elsie Eaton had a daughter by a former marriage and this little girl, age about ten years, is now at St. Joseph's Academy, located on Grand Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa. Her name is said to be Helen McDunn or McDone.

Myrtle's other sister, Ruby, now resides at 1113 S.E. Kirkwood Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. A close contact has been kept on her and further details will be given concerning her later in this report.

Myrtle's father died several years ago and her mother married a man by the name of Alvin Baber, with whom Myrtle and her sisters never got along, so left home. Myrtle's mother died a few years ago and Baber is said to have left Des Moines, but occasionally returns for a visit. Myrtle is said not to be on speaking terms with her stepfather.

Myrtle, as a young girl, was known to hustle and walk the streets in East Des Moines. She later started living with Merl Rowles, of Des Moines, who, about ten years ago, killed a man and disappeared and has not been heard from since. She then started living with "Boots" Froh and then with Clarence "Doc" Eaton, whom she later married. Froh resides in Des Moines and recently effort has been made to locate him. Just prior to this Agent leaving Des Moines, on December 16, 1934, it was learned he had been arrested and is now in the county jail. He will be interviewed shortly. "Doc" Eaton, who later married Myrtle, with his brother, Candy Eaton, were at one time the largest bootleggers in Des Moines, Iowa; however, "Doc" Eaton branched out into other lines and was finally sent to the Minnesota State Penitentiary. Myrtle then moved to Saint Paul, Minnesota, where she became the paramour of Andy Rothmeyer.

Inasmuch as Myrtle Eaton has been away from Des Moines for eight or nine years, there are but few contacts she would make. One of these is her sister-in-law, Winnie Eaton, who was the wife of Candy Eaton, the latter now deceased. Winnie later married Chuck Connolly alias Conlan and now resides at 2706 S.E. Sixth Street, Des Moines, Iowa. On various raids during the period of this investigation, Agent has spotted this home and during the daytime has driven past it, but has noticed no activity, nor anything of a suspicious nature.

During July and August this year, when this Agent and Special Agent G. F. Hurley of the Saint Paul Office were stationed in Des Moines in an effort to locate Myrtle Eaton, a close cover was maintained on the street to this house, as well as on the telephone, and when this was unproductive of results, contact was made with Winnie Eaton and Chuck Connolly. Both disclaimed having seen or heard from Myrtle Eaton for a long period of time; however, subsequent information developed that Myrtle, with Bill Weaver, were in Des Moines in March and April of 1934.

Further contact was had with Superintendent of Mails Swanson, at Des Moines, and the mail carrier covering the address where Winnie Eaton lives, has been requested to report anything of a suspicious nature he sees and any mail that would appear worth while to trace.

During this investigation, Agent contacted on several occasions, informant [redacted] who advised she had received information that during the early part of November, 1934, Myrtle Eaton had been seen in town with a new boy friend; also, that Myrtle had been seen at Skinny Nieman's Palace Cafe, located on Sixth Street, with Ollie Sheridan. Nieman is well known to this Agent and has served a term in the Nebraska State Penitentiary for bank robbery. His cafe is more of a beer tavern than an eating house. Numerous visits have been made to this place by Agent and Ollie Sheridan has been pointed out. She is the

former wife of Jimmy Sheridan, a Des Moines gambler, now residing in California. About three years ago, Sheridan was kidnaped and held for \$10,000.00 ransom. He indicated that Jack Klutas was one of the men who snatched him. "Bo-About" Riley was the "go between" and is thought by police to have figured in the actual kidnaping. Ollie and Jimmy Sheridan are now separated and this past summer, Ollie married a man known as Walter Gray, alias "Big Wallie", who served time with Wieman in the Nebraska State Penitentiary. A few months ago, "Big Wallie" was reported to have been killed in an attempted bank robbery, somewhere near Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Checking on the possibility that Myrtle Eaton might hide out with Ollie Sheridan, investigation was made which revealed that she was living with Waldon "Red" Salisbury, at 1154 12th Street, Des Moines, Ia. Investigation made in this neighborhood and contact had with various detectives, was unproductive of any information that Myrtle was staying with Ollie Sheridan. Detective Loren Miller, who is well acquainted with Salisbury, contacted him and was unable to secure any information that Myrtle was staying with Ollie Sheridan. "Red" Salisbury is married to Ollie's sister, Genevieve. Ollie is drinking heavily and when drunk does considerable talking. It is not believed, therefore, that Myrtle would stay with her for that reason. Ollie's and Genevieve's maiden name was Foster. They have another sister married to Bob Hatch, who operates Bob's Place on Mulberry Street in Des Moines, Iowa. Salisbury is night starter for The Yellow Cab Company at 8th and Keo Streets, in Des Moines.

A check at the Northwestern Telephone Company revealed that long distance telephone calls from the telephone of Salisbury, #4-2588, had been made to the W. L. Johnson residence, 2902 North 59th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephone Walnut 1668. The calls were made to this number on October 19 and 20, 1934 and it was also found that a Western Union telegram had been sent to H. C. Thompson, Omaha, Nebraska, no further address.

Ollie and Jimmy Sheridan formerly resided at 6001 Waterberry Circle, which is in the exclusive residential district of Des Moines. They had a \$15,000.00 home there and it was thought that possibly Myrtle Eaton might stay at that address. Investigation was accordingly made and it was learned from Mr. Ray Harrison, attorney and a friend of this Agent, that this house was sold for \$6,000.00 cash and that Ollie and Jimmy Sheridan have no further connection with same.

During the past summer, Myrtle Eaton's sister, Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones, lived with Mrs. Alice Pheasant, at 2315 37th Street,

Des Moines, Iowa. [REDACTED]

In September, 1934, Ruby left this address and went to live with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Summers, 1525 E. Lyons, Des Moines, Iowa. About the first of November, she left this address and moved to 1113 S.W. Kirkwood Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Although Ruby has been divorced from her husband, Dick Jones, he is now living with her at this latter address.

Mrs. Alice Pheasant, 2315 37th Street, was interviewed and she could not add to the information already received by Agent concerning Ruby Jones. Mrs. Pheasant did state that Ruby had very few girl friends and that she kept her personal affairs to herself and she was not in a position to give any information about Ruby, or her sister, Myrtle, as Ruby never talked confidentially with her.

Ruby Jones works at the Lederer & Straus Company, 306 Court Street, Des Moines, Iowa, the manager of which is a Mr. Hirschsteiner. Agent was advised this party would not be a satisfactory person to see regarding Ruby Jones.

Through Informant [REDACTED] Agent located Mrs. Mayme Paskens, at 3845 Sherman Blvd., Des Moines, Iowa, who works in the same room with Ruby Jones. Mrs. Paskens advised that she frequently talked with Ruby but that Ruby did not make close friends with any of the girls at her place of employment. She was of the opinion her closest companion at the place was Verna Berrier, who now lives at the Chamberlain Hotel in Des Moines. Under the circumstances, it was believed advisable to have Mrs. Paskens contact Verna Berrier to see if she would give any information concerning Ruby and her activities. Mrs. Paskens later advised Agent that Miss Berrier declined to have anything to do with reporting information as to the activities of Ruby Jones, mainly because she was afraid of Ruby's associates. Mrs. Paskens likewise advised that Mr. Hirschsteiner, manager of Lederer & Straus, would not be a very good person to contact regarding Ruby; that he would either discharge her from her job or advise her that Government Agents were making inquiries concerning her.

Contact was had with mail carrier H. G. Styles, #580, who carries the mail covering the address 1113 S.W. Kirkwood Street, where Ruby Jones resides. He informed Agent that very little mail is received at this house and stated recently he had a piece of mail for Mrs. Jones at this address, and having noticed the house had been vacant for several months, he made inquiry of Mrs. Mabel A. Peterson, as to who Mrs. Jones was and Mrs. Peterson claimed to know very little about the party and no satisfactory information was obtained by him. Mr. Styles referred Agent to



John Hurson and Fred Franklin, who reside on Kirkwood Street, as being reliable parties to contact.

Agent interviewed John Hurson, his wife and eighteen-year old son, who advised that Mrs. Mabel Peterson, residing at 1116 Kirkwood, is the former mother-in-law of Mrs. Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones; that Ruby Hubbard married George Peterson, six or seven years ago. He was a brick layer by trade and nearly twenty years her senior. He built Ruby a little brick house at 1113 Kirkwood Street and they lived together at this address for several years and later procured a divorce. Ruby obtained possession of this house in the divorce settlement. George Peterson again married and now lives on a farm near Des Moines. Mrs. Peterson, Ruby's mother-in-law, has another son by the name of Pete Peterson, who, with his wife and one child, resides with his mother. He works at the Smith-Hindricks Upholstering Company in Des Moines. Another boy, name unknown, likewise lives at home. The Hursons stated that for the past year, several different families have lived at 1113 Kirkwood Street, the last person being a Henry O. Sayres, a conductor, whose wife worked at the cafe in the State Capitol. They have seen no one around the place, nor have they seen any party on the street, that answered the description of any of the Subjects. A young man by the name of Eddie Baker, age about 20 years, formerly lived with Ruby Jones and her husband at this address. He is still around Des Moines. Pictures of all the Subjects were shown to the Hursons and Agent's address was left with them, with the request he be notified should anything of a suspicious nature be seen at this address.

Fred W. Franklin and son were interviewed at their address, 1122 Kirkwood Street, which is next door to Mrs. Peterson and across the street from 1113 Kirkwood Street. They advised they had noted nothing suspicious about the parties living at this address and after Agent's first visit, they maintained a watch on Ruby Jones' home and Agent has communicated with them from time to time, but they have had no information. Mr. Franklin is a salesman for the Brown-Camp Hardware Store, in Des Moines. His wife is working at a down-town store during the Christmas Holidays. Pictures of all Subjects were shown to this family but they advised they had not seen any of these Subjects in that vicinity; however, they promised to notify Agent should they observe anything of a suspicious nature. Young Mr. Franklin reported to Agent that Dick Jones was driving a 1927 Chrysler Sedan, Model 70, with 1934 Iowa license 77-4643. This car is registered, according to the police registration records, in the name of Richard M. Jones, East 388th and Broadway. This is a small shack on the outskirts of town, where Jones lived during the summer when separated from his wife. Jones is described as 28 years; 5 feet 8 inches; 145 pounds;

thin looking; black hair; black, beady eyes; dark complexion; he is squinty and shifty and has a limp in his left foot when walking. Agent has observed his car frequently in the vicinity of the Kirkwood Pool Hall, 214 Fourth Street, which is near the hotel where Agent resides.

Surveillance has been kept on the home of Ruby Jones at various times and frequent trips have been made by Agent past this house, but at no time has anything suspicious been seen. There is no telephone in the house.

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According to informant [redacted] she contacted one of the girls at Lederer & Straus, on the street, whose name she did not know but believes it to be Verna Berrier. This was about November 10th and in the course of their conversation, [redacted] asked her where Ruby was living and was told she had moved into her own house the first of the month and that her sister had been visiting her. The sister referred to is apparently Myrtle Eaton and was the occasion when Myrtle was known to have been in Des Moines.

Ruby Jones is described as 26 years; 5 feet 5 inches; 125 pounds; dark hair; medium complexion; looks somewhat like her sister Myrtle Eaton.

Bud Joyce, the former husband of Myrtle Eaton's sister Elsie, was interviewed by this Agent at the County Jail in Ottumwa, Iowa during the past summer, while he was being held there on a murder charge. At the time Joyce was interviewed, an effort was made to ascertain from him the whereabouts of Myrtle; however, no stress was laid on the fact that the Government was seeking Myrtle for any crime, but was endeavoring to locate Bill Weaver, who was known to be traveling with her. Joyce claimed at the time, not to know Myrtle's whereabouts; however, it was learned from him that Myrtle was of the impression she was being sought by the Government for harboring John Dillinger.

In a recent conversation this Agent had with Dewey Berlovich, who operates the Sportsman's Club, at Des Moines, he advised he had been instrumental in securing the release of Joyce on the murder charge at Ottumwa. Joyce at the time he was interviewed, informed Agent that if he was released, he planned to stay with his brother, Henry Joyce, 674-40th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Joyce has been seen by this Agent at the Bill Club in Des Moines, run by a Pete Rann. He stated he was living with his brother; however, when Agent called this address a week or so later, he was advised that Bud was not there and his address was unknown. Effort is being made to ascertain where Joyce is living at present, as it is believed by Agent that he is one person with whom Myrtle will keep in

touch. Joyce is reported to spend a great deal of time at the Green Gables Inn, a beer tavern at East 38th and Vandalia Road. This place is run by a Betty Grant, whose husband is an ex-convict. Agent has made frequent visits to this tavern but none of the parties mentioned herein have been seen there.

From Phil Cavender, Detective Sergeant, Des Moines Police Department Liquor Squad, it was learned that Bud Joyce was a close friend of "Fat" Claypool, a bootlegger who has an interest in a garage at 2100 Cottage Grove Avenue, Des Moines. Another close companion of these two, is a party known as Sam Samuelson. It is through this party that it is hoped information concerning Myrtle Eaton can be obtained from Bud Joyce.

Agent has kept informed of the movements of John Waters alias "Go-About" Riley, who now resides at 2927 Forest Avenue, Des Moines, and it was learned he moved to this address, from his previous address, 3105 48th Street, on August 31, 1934. He is reported to have sold out his interest in The Dutch Lunch Tavern to one Charles Howe, in exchange for some acreage. Riley is now devoting all his time to the slot machine racket, which he is alleged to control in the State of Iowa. He resides at the above address with his common-law wife, Nina Snyder, who, as previously stated, was arrested with Clyde Nimerick at the Northwestern Hotel in December, 1931.

Through [REDACTED], it was learned that on April 8, 1934, he had occasion to check on Riley and his wife, who were then living at 3105 48th Street. Agent's previous investigation revealed that "Go-About" Riley had formerly lived with Daisy Shockley, of Ames, Iowa; that he became tired of her and started to live with her sister, Nina Snyder. Daisy subsequently married Harry Reynolds, an employee of the City of Des Moines, now living at 3103 47th Street. The investigation by the [REDACTED] in addition to the above, revealed that Nina Shockley Snyder's father was Charles Shockley and that he owns a farm on the outskirts of Ames, Iowa, on the main highway between Ames and Des Moines; that on March 25, 1926, she made application to the Guarantee Life Insurance Company, of Davenport, Iowa, and gave her age as nineteen. The investigation at that time revealed that she was about twenty-one or twenty-two; that she had a child born about [REDACTED] marriage to Robert Snyder, in 1922.

She subsequently divorced Snyder, who went to the Philippine Islands and sometime later was killed.

The Riley home at 2927 Forest Avenue has been under observation by this Agent from time to time. The mail carrier has been requested to report anything of a suspicious nature seen there. On December 15, 1934, Riley received a postal card from Washington, D. C., signed with the initials "P.R.S.", which card stated - "I AM ATTENDING THE CRIME CONFERENCE AND LEARNING A LOT". Agent has been unable to identify the sender of this card. The house in which Riley is living is owned by Joe Swift, a Des Moines gambler, who operates the Hollywood Gardens, a road house and gambling place located about ten miles from Des Moines. This place has been visited by Agent but none of the interested parties has been seen there.

The little girl, Myrtle Winnie Eaton, age twelve, who is the daughter of Charles Eaton, 1609 S.E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, is back in town. This address is located on what is known as the "Southeast Bottoms" and is the best house on the street. The rest of the houses are mere shacks. There is no place in the vicinity where Agent might hide and keep this place under surveillance. To park an automobile in the vicinity of any of these places would attract considerable attention. Through numerous inquiries among police officers for the name of a reliable person in this neighborhood, who might do some observing, Agent was referred to Alonzo Elmore, at 1922 S.E. 14th Street Court, who was believed would serve this purpose as well as anyone in this neighborhood. Alonzo Elmore, who is colored and lives at the above address with a white woman, is employed by the Des Moines Stove Company on East First Street between Court and Locust. He was contacted and claimed to be well acquainted with the Eaton Family. He stated the house at 1609 S.E. 14th St., was originally built by "Doc" Eaton for his wife, Myrtle; that she refused to live on the bottoms with the "riff raff" and she and "Doc" separated. "Doc" was later sent to the Minnesota State Penitentiary and Myrtle secured a divorce and went to Saint Paul. "Doc" Eaton then gave this house to his brother, Charles Eaton, who has about fourteen or fifteen children. The various members of the Eaton family who can afford to do so, have taken one of these children to raise. "Candy" and Winnie Eaton took a girl, Aletha, now age seventeen, to raise. Myrtle and "Doc" Eaton took the little girl, Myrtle Winnie Eaton, to raise and have supported her since she was a tiny child. Myrtle is very fond of this child and does not come to Des Moines without seeing her. This little girl will be thirteen years of age on December 30, 1934. She is now attending her first year at the Lincoln Junior High School, S.E. 9th and Locust Streets. She formerly attended the McKinley School, S.E. 6th and Jackson Streets, and a parochial school when she lived in Saint Paul with "her Aunt Myrt".

Myrtle Eaton has not been seen in town subsequent to November 15th but she is expected back most any time. A close watch is being kept for her to return at Christmas or for the little girl's birthday, December 30th.

Alonzo Elmore has an opportunity to observe what goes on at the Eaton Home and when shown pictures of the Subjects, selected that of Bill Weaver, Edna Murray and Alvin Karpis as being persons he thought he had seen off and on through the past year in Des Moines. With a promise of a reward should he inform Agent of Myrtle Eaton's presence in town, it is believed some assistance can be expected from him.

With reference to the letter of the Director to the Saint Paul Office, dated November 27, 1934 and to the report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Saint Paul, November 10, 1934, relative to May Miller, alias Elsie McHenry and other aliases, in which information was set forth that she had been arrested in Des Moines, Iowa on January 20, 1927, as Elsie McHenry, SO #1143, on a charge of possessing burglar tools. This record was previously checked and the information sent to Inspector H. H. Clegg, at Saint Paul, on April 14, 1934; however, additional investigation was made at Des Moines, Iowa at this time and this information is set forth. This woman's maiden name was Elsie Running and she later married a man named McHenry, about whom little is known. She later became the consort of Charles A. Herbster, alias "Tony the Wop", a burglar and safe cracker, now serving twenty years in the Iowa State Reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa. Elsie subsequently lived with Norman Porter and Gale Johnson. These two men, together with Mrs. Marie Porter, alias Marie Magers, alias Marie Norris, alias Marie Bergman, were all arrested at Des Moines, Iowa on January 20, 1927 at 815 - 29th Street, and charged with possession of burglar tools. All were sentenced to the penitentiary. Elsie McHenry was sentenced June 4, 1927 to fifteen years in the Women's Reformatory at Rockwell City, Iowa, but appealed her case and when same was remanded to the Lower Court for a new trial, her case was never tried.

Elsie McHenry has been a close friend of Myrtle Eaton, having been arrested with her in Saint Paul and Minneapolis for shoplifting. Norman Porter and Marie Magers were last known to be residing together at 1411 Locust Street, Des Moines. Elsie McHenry is now living with Jimmy Murphy, at the Albany Hotel, which they are reported to own and operate; however, in a recent raid on this hotel by Agent, the Manager gave his name as Drew. Murphy is a gambler and formerly operated the crap table at the Fifth Avenue Cigar Store, 5th and Mulberry Streets. He now operates a gambling place at 569 7th Street, which is next door to the Sportsman's Club, 565 7th Street and he is said to be backed by Dewey Berlovich.

In connection with Gale Johnson, who was arrested with Elsie McHenry and others, his criminal record is as follows:-



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Attention is called to the report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, of the Omaha Office, dated October 20, 1934, revealing that when William Weaver purchased a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe, motor number 4135550, at Des Moines, Iowa on March 23, 1934, he used the name of J. H. Orhood and was accompanied by Gale Johnson. At the time Captain Sauer was killed, a second man escaped and it is possible this man was Bill Weaver. This information will be called to the attention of the County Attorney at Burlington, Iowa.

Contact has been had with Rich Anderson, a former Federal Prohibition Agent, who advised that in a recent conversation which he had with Bud Joyce, the latter told him Myrtle Eaton had been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walter, who operate the Valley Gardens, 409 Pearl Street, Sioux City, Iowa and live at the Valley Rooms, directly across the street. Myrtle is supposed to have been there around the middle of November, 1934. Mrs. Walter was formerly Anna Mae Driscoll, of Sioux City, Iowa. She at one time was married to Patty Driscoll, now serving fifteen years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary at Sioux Falls, So. Dak. for robbing the bank at Huron, South Dakota. She has several brothers, all of whom

have served penitentiary sentences. She is a close friend of Myrtle Eaton. This matter is now under investigation at Sioux City, Iowa.

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Agent later contacted Des Moines Informant No. [redacted] for "Candy" and "Doc" Eaton, when they were at their height in bootlegging activities. He advised he had talked with Bud Joyce, who advised a meeting of the gang had been called at "Doc" Eaton's place in Burlington, Wisconsin; that a party only known to him as "Sonny", from Kansas City, Missouri, had passed through Des Moines the latter part of November, 1934 on his way to Burlington, Wis.; that other members of this gang, including "Baby Face" Nelson, were on their way to this meeting. It was thought by Agent's informant that Myrtle Eaton, since she was no longer with Bill Weaver, might be back with "Doc" Eaton and would attend this conference. The place where the conference was to be held is along the river near Burlington, Wisconsin, and about seventeen miles from Barrington, Illinois, where "Baby Face" Nelson was subsequently killed. The party known as "Sonny" was described by the informant as being in his late twenties, short and heavy-set, with curly hair; was wearing a gray cap with dark blue overcoat while in Des Moines. The above information was telephoned to the Chicago Division Office at the time it was received.

Through Detectives Fred Gagen and John McCarty, of the Des Moines Police Department, word was received by Agent that "Doc" Eaton was in town over the week end of December 7, 1934. Further word was received that on the morning of December 8, 1934, "Doc" Eaton, with two other men, one answering the description of Clyde Nimerick, alias C. D. Harris, had attempted to take one Stewart Butsler, alias Kusler, for a ride. Butsler disappeared shortly thereafter and was not again seen until December 12, 1934. In the interim, it was learned by Agent that Eaton stopped at the Northwestern Hotel and that he and his two men friends were accompanied by two women. Believing that possibly one of the men might be Clyde Nimerick and one of the women, Myrtle Eaton, a sufficient force of officers was secured and a raid made on the Northwestern Hotel on Saturday Night, December 8, 1934, but it was found that "Doc" Eaton and his party had checked out that afternoon. "Doc" Eaton was registered at the hotel as "C. D. Evans" and Wife and they were assigned to Room 224, while one of the other men was registered as "T. Evans" and assigned Room 206. On December 10, information was received by the Des Moines Police that "Doc" Eaton was still in town and further raids were made. It might be stated that the Federal and State Liquor Agents had been very active in Des Moines for the past week and learning that further raids were planned, Agent accompanied three reliable Agents, one of whom was acquainted with both Myrtle and "Doc"

Eaton and visits were made to the home of "Go-About" Riley at 2927 Forest Avenue, the home of Winnie Eaton and Chuck Connolly, at 2706 S.E. 6th St., the hotel room, No. 51, of Elsie McHenry and Jimmy Murphy, at the Albany Hotel, and to several apartments at 817 Walnut Street, where Bud Lynch and his wife, Hazel, close friends of Myrtle Eaton, reside; also, to the apartment of "Four Eyed Blanche" and to the apartment of the Cohen girls.

With another squad of detectives, Agent made subsequent visits to numerous night clubs and beer joints around town where "Doc" Eaton and his associates hang out, but without any success in locating him.

Agent accompanied the liquor agents in an observatory capacity as it was not desired that the parties being raided know that the Department of Justice was searching for Myrtle Eaton. The use of the liquor agents gave sufficient opportunity to search the houses and other places carefully to learn if anyone was in hiding.

Following the raids, and the fact that Stewart Eutsler had disappeared, investigation was made by Agent and Detectives Loren Miller and Bill Schafer, which revealed that Eutsler had been living at 2800 Columbia Street. Mrs. Thomas McDonald, who resides at this address, the wife of a former bootlegger, was interviewed and advised that about 9:00 A.M., the morning of December 8, 1934, "Doc" Eaton, accompanied by two men, forced their way into her home and demanded that Stewart Eutsler appear; that Eutsler appeared and Eaton accused him of hi-jacking one of his drivers of a large quantity of alcohol, but Eutsler denied he had done so. Eaton then endeavored to force Eutsler into his automobile by the display of guns, but Eutsler refused to go; however, he did consent to accompany one of the men in his own automobile to the Northwestern Hotel; that upon their arrival there, he refused to go to "Doc" Eaton's room but discussed the whole subject of the hi-jacking in the lobby of the hotel. Eutsler, later that morning, returned to Mrs. McDonald's home and then left and was not heard from until about three days later. Mrs. McDonald was shown pictures of C. D. Harris and other Subjects in this case and was unable to identify any of them as being the companions of "Doc" Eaton. She stated that the two men who accompanied Eaton were in their late twenties and one was quite tall and dark, while the other was short, blonde and had a noticeable dimple in his chin. Mrs. McDonald was requested to have Stewart Eutsler notify this Agent if he returned safely and on December 12, word was received from Mrs. McDonald that she had heard from Eutsler that he was safe and he was unable to identify the two men who accompanied "Doc" Eaton. Eutsler had gone into hiding voluntarily following his encounter with Eaton. It might be stated here that Eutsler has just recently been acquitted of a bank robbery charge in Missouri. It was also learned that the driver for "Doc" Eaton at that

time was one Eddie Sweetman, alleged to have been hi-jacked of fifteen hundred gallons of alcohol near Boone, Iowa. This town is the hangout of Stewart Butaler.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, October 6, 1934, wherein mention is made of Corey Bales, one Kipp and Gladys. A check was made at the Des Moines Police Department and photograph of Corwin (Corey) Bales was secured. This picture was forwarded to the Chicago Office with the request that duplicates be made and forwarded to the interested offices. Corey Bales is described as 38 years (1923); 5 feet 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches; 156 pounds; dark brown and grey hair; yellowish grey eyes; scar  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch long, ulnar side left wrist;  $\frac{1}{2}$ " scar right forearm near elbow; fingerprint classification - 5 U OI 17. Des Moines Police number 3922. 17 U OI 17

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, Saint Paul, August 16, 1934, page 54, wherein mention is made that a "Whitey" Anderson attended a meeting at the Gary Hotel, Gary, Indiana, during the summer of 1933. During the investigation of this case at Des Moines, Iowa, it was learned that a Harold "Whitey" Anderson resided at 2714 S.E. 6th Street, which is next door to the home of Winnie Eaton. Anderson was formerly associated with "Doc" and "Candy" Eaton in their bootlegging activities, but in the last several years, has been very quiet and though he appears to have money, little is known of his present activities. Inasmuch as this information was received from Eddie La Rue, who is quite well acquainted in Des Moines and was well acquainted with Dewey Berlovich and others in town, he would, undoubtedly, have come in contact with the "Whitey" Anderson in Des Moines. "Whitey" Anderson of Des Moines, is described as 40 years (1926); 5 feet 9 inches; 152 pounds; light complexion; his photograph is on file in the Omaha Division Office. The "Whitey" Anderson described by Eddie LaRue is a great deal younger than the "Whitey" Anderson in Des Moines, Iowa.

During the time Winnie Eaton was the owner of the American Beauty Cafe at S.E. Sixth Street and Indianola Road, she had a woman named Winnie Burns operating the place for her. Winnie Burns is now married to a man named Steffens and lives at No. 12 Belle Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Inquiry was made of Mrs. Leo Seehan, 511 Hughes Street, wife of a Des Moines police officer, who advised she was well acquainted with Winnie Burns Steffens; that while she formerly may have sold a little liquor at her cafe and lived with a man without being married, she doubted very much if she would hide out anyone who was being sought by the law, and for this reason it was not believed that Myrtle Eaton would stay with her. Mrs. Seehan promised to bear this in mind and should she learn of anything, would notify this Agent, through her husband.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, Omaha, November 28, 1934, and to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shannahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 17, 1934, in which reports leads are set out to locate Larry Philbrick, an orchestra leader, in Des Moines, Iowa. This party's father, Mr. Lawrence Philbrick, resides over a store at 2018 1/2 Cottage Grove Avenue. He was interviewed and advised that his son, Larry Philbrick, did not live at home but stayed at the Cargill Hotel, 9th and Grand Avenue and played at Danceland, a cheap dance hall at 6th and Grand Avenue. Agent visited this place and observed Philbrick and his orchestra playing and will interview him in the near future as to what he knows about the Subjects.

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, Saint Paul, August 16, 1934, page 51, wherein mention is made of Charles P. Clouse, alias "Curly" Clouse. This party is said to frequent Des Moines and is said to be in contact with Dewey Berlovich and "Go-About" Riley and is also reported to stay with a woman named Dorothy Wies, alias Wise, alias "Montana Dot", who formerly hustled from The Keo Apartments at 7th and Keosauqua Drive. This place was operated by a man named Johnson, who is unreliable. Dorothy is a dope addict and is known to the Narcotic Agents at Des Moines. She was last known to be living at 914 Walnut St., Apartment 3A7.

A re-check was made at the Automobile Registration Division, State Motor Vehicle Department, Des Moines, Iowa and Lincoln, Nebraska, but none of the cars that Subjects are known to use has been registered since the original stop order was placed against these cars.

The attention of the Division has been called to the pictures of Clyde Nimerick and Myrtle Eaton appearing on temporary identification orders for these Subjects. The picture of Nimerick on this identification order was taken at the Kansas State Penitentiary in 1925. A more recent picture of Nimerick, taken by the Des Moines Police Department on December 29, 1931, has been sent to the Division. Full length picture of Nimerick is also available. The picture of Myrtle Eaton appearing on the temporary wanted notices, was taken in 1930 at Saint Paul, Minnesota. A more recent picture of Myrtle was taken by the Des Moines Police Department on December 29, 1931 and is said to be a better likeness.

At Lincoln, Nebraska

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. R. Green:

While at Lincoln, Nebraska on December 15, 1934, this Agent arranged for a sixteen-day cover on all first class mail, except that coming



[REDACTED] Sheriff  
[REDACTED] 2112  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] known as The Standard Market  
Nebraska Auto Exchange, 1724 "O" Street  
all in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The first three listed are the brothers and sister of HARRY SAWYER, formerly Harry Sandlovich, by which name he is known at Lincoln, Nebraska. The latter two listings are the business addresses of Harry's four brothers; Albert and John operate the Standard Market, and E. Ray and Samuel operate the Nebraska Auto Exchange.

The mail cover was arranged through Trev Gillaspie, Postmaster, and tracings are to be made and forwarded to the Omaha Division Office. After being observed by this office, the tracings will be mailed to Mr. E. J. Connelley, at Chicago, Illinois.

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A confidential Jewish informant of this Agent, whose name is [REDACTED] and whose name should not be disclosed outside of the Division personnel, informed that he has heard, through rumors, that the Sandlovich Family know that Harry Sawyer is in hiding from the Government and that Albert Sandlovich, the oldest member of the family residing at Lincoln, is the most likely one to be contacted by Harry Sawyer. [REDACTED] is making an effort to secure the present addresses of Harry Sawyer's sisters, Belle Hilmond and Bessie Cattelman, widows, who were last reported living in California, exact location not known.

W. C. Condit, Chief of Police, stated that since Agent formerly conferred with him relative to listing Harry Sawyer for investigation by this Division, he has not secured any information concerning Sawyer but is making discreet inquiry and will cause his arrest should he appear at Lincoln, Nebraska, and will immediately advise the Omaha Division Office, should he secure any information with reference to him, which will assist in the apprehension of Sawyer.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

**KANSAS CITY DIVISION OFFICE:** At Kansas City, Missouri will check on the death of John "Dutch" Heizer, and ascertain if any information is available concerning his wife, Frances, who is now the wife of Clyde Nimerick.

At Parsons, Kansas, endeavor to ascertain information regarding Clyde Nimerick who claims to have been born in this town.

**SAINT LOUIS DIVISION OFFICE:** In Linn County, Missouri, of which Brookfield is the county seat, will endeavor to secure some information of Mrs. C. D. (Frances) Harris, now the wife of Clyde Nimerick.

**CHICAGO OFFICE:** Is requested to endeavor to ascertain information regarding the killing of a police officer in Chicago, by John "Dutch" Heizer, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa. Some information may be available as to Heizer's wife, who is now the wife of Clyde Nimerick. A photograph of Mrs. Nimerick is enclosed with the request that copies be made and sent to the Saint Louis and Kansas City Offices, as well as to this office and other interested offices.

Contact should be had with the Manager of the Illinois Bankers Association for such information as he may have on Charles J. Fitzgerald.

**SAINT PAUL OFFICE:** At Saint Paul, Minnesota, will interview Ernest J. Meili, Probation Officer, who advised that on December 11, 1935, a John Hammond plead guilty to the violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and that the Police Department advised him Hammond and Charles J. Fitzgerald were one and the same person.

**OMAHA OFFICE:** At Des Moines, Iowa --- Will secure the complete disposition of the arrests of Gale Johnson. Will likewise interview Boots Froh, now held in the County Jail at Des Moines. At Danceland, interview Larry Philbrick, the orchestra leader there, for information he might have concerning Subjects.

At Fort Madison, Iowa, will secure the details regarding the incarceration of John Ryan, who was sent up from Albia, Iowa in December, 1921. Ryan was arrested with Clyde Nimerick at that time. At a later date, interview Gale Johnson, incarcerated in the Iowa State Penitentiary, regarding the purchase of the car by William Weaver, in Des Moines.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA OFFICE (Continued)

It is believed, however, that inasmuch as Bill Weaver does not know the Government is cognizant of the fact that he owns this car, Johnson should not be interviewed until Weaver has had a chance to re-register the car after the first of the year.

At Estherville, Iowa, will interview police there concerning any further information as to Charles Fitzgerald robbing the Estherville Bank; also, the possibility of Elman Stone now being in contact with Fitzgerald.

At Lincoln, Nebraska, will keep in touch with [REDACTED] for any further information he may secure concerning the location of Sawyer's sisters in California. Will likewise watch results of cover on the mail of Sawyer's relatives at Lincoln.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
DECEMBER 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter dated  
December 21, 1934 from the Nashville Office to the Division  
requesting additional copies of the photographic strip con-  
taining the pictures of Volney Davis and other Subjects. This  
letter is under the caption of the case entitled "VERNON C.  
MILLER with aliases (DECEASED), ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER  
FEDERAL PRISONER" but undoubtedly relates to the above case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
Nashville  
E. G. Connelly, Chicago

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Post Office Drawer 1487,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
December 24, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with  
aliases, I.O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the telephone call from Special Agent  
Sam McKee of the Chicago Office requesting that Illinois automo-  
bile license #1,266,231, issued to J. B. Bolton, of Harrison Hotel,  
Chicago, Illinois, be checked with the automobile license bureau  
at Springfield, Illinois for information in their possession re-  
garding this registration.

Contact was immediately had, telephonically, with the office  
of the Secretary of State Springfield, Illinois, and it was ascer-  
tained that the license in question was issued to Bolton at the  
Chicago address you furnished, for 1934 Ford Sedan, motor #1,130,245;  
the car was purchased from the Vrba Auto Company, 5100 W. 28th St.  
Cicero, Illinois and Illinois certificate of title #1,266,231.

With respect to further telephone calls from Special Agent  
McKee, regarding any title issued to Albert Leuer, please be ad-  
vised that a thorough check was made at Springfield, Illinois in the  
name of Leuer and any deviations of the spelling of the last name,  
and the only records available indicated that there was an Illinois  
license #B 275 issued to Albert Leuer of Virgil, Illinois for a  
Chevrolet truck, motor T2426902. There is no other registration under  
the name of Leuer or any similar name.

All the above information was telephoned back to Special  
Agent McKee at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

REV:F  
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cc Division  
Chicago

R. E. VATTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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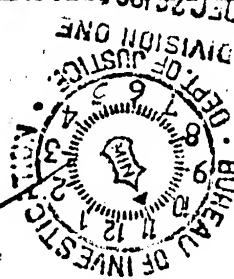
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KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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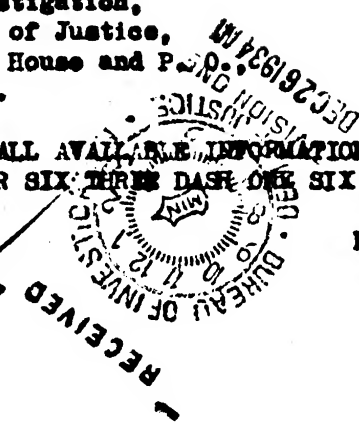
December 23, 1934

E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
426 U. S. Custom House and Post Office,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

BREKID FURNISH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING OHIO NINETEEN THIRTY  
FOUR LICENSE FOUR SIX THREE DASH ONE SIX NINE.

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cc Division



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POST OFFICE ANSWER 1207  
St. Louis, Missouri  
December 24, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I.O.#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON,  
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P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232;  
et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your letter of the 18th instant  
regarding the above captioned matter and I have secured  
from the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois the  
necessary papers which you requested and they are attached,  
hereto.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

REV:F  
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cc Division  
Chicago



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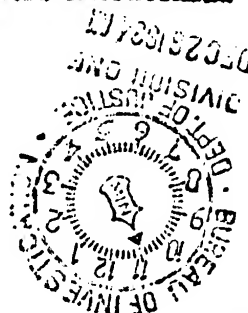
E. J. CONNELLY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

RE BREKID & HODIL STAYING AT HOME OF MRS ANNA SPRINGER WIDOW VALENTINE  
SPRINGER ELEVEN FORTY NINE MICHIGAN AVENUE BUFFALO SPRINGER LONG RESIDENT  
OF BUFFALO APPARENTLY RESPECTABLE NOTHING IRREGULAR DEVELOPED.

9:55 P.M.

cc Division

MAC FARLAND



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**THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT**

St. Paul, Minnesota

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"Bank had tried to trade their Thompson Machine gun for shot guns and pistols, and as I recall Ingram stated the Bank wanted \$125.00 for the machine gun.

"I was a customer at Wolf & Klar and mentioned to Mr. Brady G. Young and others employed at Wolf & Klar that I had a Thompson Machine Gun for sale that could be bought worth the money. I learned that Mr. Young had a customer for such a gun and about a week before Christmas, 1931, I placed the gun in my car, picked Mr. Young up at the Court house and we drove to Evans & Mulkey Streets, Ft. Worth, Texas. We entered the house with the machine gun and Mr. Young introduced me to George Kelly. Mr. Young priced the gun to Kelly for \$250.00, and after he had examined the gun, Kelly paid Mr. Young \$250.00 in cash, I do not recall the denominations of the bills.

"I gave Mr. Young \$50.00 as his commission for selling the gun, I paid the Stock Yards National Bank \$125.00, and retained the balance as my profit for selling the gun.

"I had not met George Kelly prior to the time of selling him this gun, and this is the only gun I ever sold to Kelly."

/s/ W.W. Overton

Witness: F.S. Dunn, Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice.

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Brady G. Young, who now operates a used-car business, located at 1201 Main Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, was interviewed in connection with the above matter, and a signed statement secured, as follows:

(Fort Worth, Texas  
December 20th, 1934)

"Brady G. Young, herein states that my place of business is 1201 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas. (North Main St.) I reside at 312 Cummings St., Ft. Worth.

"I was employed as a salesman and stockman for Wolf & Klar of Fort Worth, Texas, for thirteen years, leaving their services during September, 1933.

"George Kelly and his wife Kathryn Kelly were customers of Wolf & Klar for two or three years while I was employed and I came in contact with them by selling them merchandise. During 1931 I learned through George Kelly that he was in the market for a machine gun. I knew the Stock Yards National Bank of Ft. Worth, Texas, had a machine gun which they had tried to trade to Wolf & Klar for shot guns.

"During December 1931, I mentioned to W.N. Overton, Special Agent for the Stock Yards Company, that I had a customer for the Machine gun and about a week before Christmas 1931, he and I took the Thompson Machine gun to George Kelly's home located at Evans & Mulkey Streets, Fort Worth, Texas, where I introduced Kelly to Mr. Overton. Kelly examined the machine gun which I priced to him for \$250.00. He accepted the gun and paid me \$250.00 in \$50.00 bills. I received \$50.00 as my commission for making the sale and delivered the balance of the money to Mr. Overton. I deposited the \$50.00 in the Fort Worth National Bank, Ft. Worth, Texas, on December 22d, 1931.

"The above is the only machine gun that I ever sold to George Kelly."

/s/ Brady C. Young"

Witness: F.S. Dunn, Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice."

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The Alamo Plaza Tourist Apartments is not listed in the City or Telephone Directories of Fort Worth, Texas, and no record could be located in the office of the Retail Merchants Association or the Post Office at Ft. Worth. Mr. Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, Ft. Worth, Texas, stated that about two years ago, while travelling through California, he stopped at an Alamo Plaza Tourist Camp en route to California, located at El Paso, Texas; also that at some time he had heard that there was such a Tourist Camp, located at San Antonio, Texas.

For the information of the El Paso and San Antonio offices, reference letter relates that the St. Paul office is in receipt of a tracing of an air mail letter addressed to Mrs. Emily Gordon, 1704 Scheffer Street, St. Paul, Minn. an alleged contact for members of the KARPIS-BARNER gang, which letter bears no return address except a printing on the envelope of the Alamo Plaza Tourist Apartments. This letter shows postmark at Ft. Worth, Texas, December 1, 1934. [REDACTED] an informant in this case, acquainted with Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Gordon, Harry Sawyer, Myrtle Eaton, and others, has stated that Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, both referred to in Division Bulletin #41, Fiscal Year 1935, First Series, are alleged to have gone to Ft. Worth, at the time they left St. Paul, some months ago.

The El Paso and San Antonio offices are referred to line-group photographs recently submitted to all offices by the Division, which include the photographs of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**EL PASO OFFICE:** In the event the Alamo Plaza Tourist Apartments is located in El Paso, to use the above photographs in assistance for such investigation as may be possible from the above information.

**SAN ANTONIO OFFICE:** If the Alamo Plaza Tourist Apartments is located in San Antonio, to refer to photographs of Eaton and Weaver, for assistance in such investigation as may be conducted from the above information.

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Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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(Name and address of Contributor)

Date December 19, 1934

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
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63 [REDACTED] V.H.H.


This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of  
Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints  
were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such informa-  
tion as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges  
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Detroit, Michigan</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/21/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/22 - 12/15/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. E. HALL</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL - Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Howard James Houser, Akron, Ohio, who wrote letter to Dr. Joseph P. Moran on 12/28/33 interviewed same unproductive. Frank J. Noonan advised Charles Carroll with aliases, Division Jacket #30222 was in Cleveland, Ohio about July, 1934. Information obtained that Mildred Kuhlman left Toledo, Ohio about 11/20/34 with Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker and that she is with gang in Chicago, Illinois. Was located in room 3121 Morrison Hotel, that place on 12/14/34. Information received that she may have married Arthur R. Barker during summer of 1934. <span style="float: right;">-P-</span>			
REFERENCES:  Report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, Omaha, Nebraska dated 10/20/34; Letters from Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois dated November 12 and 22, 1934; Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated December 3, 1934.			
DETAILS:  It is set forth in reference letter of November 12, 1934 concerning a typewritten recommendation of one Elray N. Beaudry on the letterhead of Ettinger & Brand, 105 W. Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, which was found at 4419 W. 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which address was formerly occupied by Paula Harmon, Fred Barker, Gladys and Harry Sawyer, that the firm of Ettinger & Brand is no longer located in Chicago and that			
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Mr. C. W. Brand of this firm is now located at 2251 Coventry Road, Cleveland, Ohio. It should be noted that the aforementioned recommendation was signed "C. W. Brand". The initials of the person apparently dictating same were "CWB" and the stenographer "BD".

Mr. C. W. Brand was interviewed by the writer at Room 325 Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio. He advised he was formerly a partner in the brokerage concern of Ettinger & Brand which operated offices in Cleveland and Chicago and several other midwestern cities, but which firm was dissolved about September 15, 1933. He is also a former Vice President of Standard Brands, Inc.

The aforementioned recommendation was exhibited to Mr. Brand and he immediately stated the signature thereon was not his signature and demonstrated to the writer that it was not. He further stated he did not dictate said recommendation and that he was not in Chicago during the month of September, 1933. He stated, on viewing photographs of various members of the gang, that he was acquainted with none of them. He stated that he felt positive that none of the former officials of Ettinger & Brand were responsible for the recommendation. He advised that his theory of the origin of the same, which was dictated September 26, 1933, was that possibly some former employee of Ettinger & Brand at Chicago had obtained some of his stationery after the firm had been dissolved about September 15, 1933. Mr. Brand advised that if anyone had any knowledge of this, it would be the former manager of the Chicago office of Ettinger & Brand, Mr. William Siegel, now associated with Abbott, Proctor & Paine, brokers, 208 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, but he stated he doubts very much whether Mr. Siegel would be able to shed any light on this matter. The advisability of pursuing this angle further is being left to the discretion of the Chicago office.

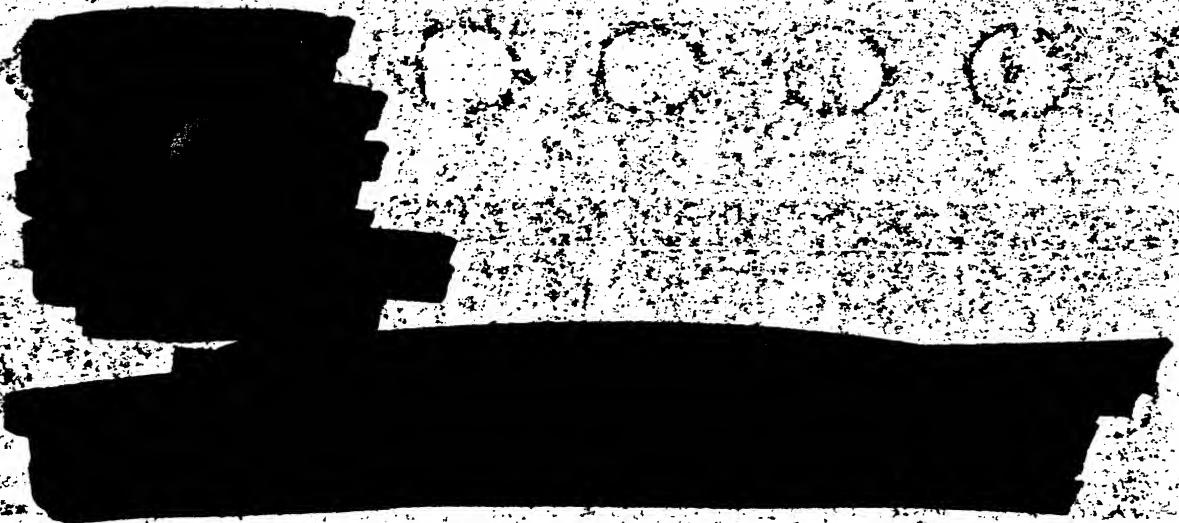
Reference letter of November 22, 1934 sets forth that the following information is contained in report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois dated 6/20/34, page 30 as follows:

"On May 2, 1934, the effects of Dr. Joseph P. Moran located in his office at 4861 Irving Park Boulevard were examined by Agents of this office and a letter was located on his desk, which letter, as stated in report of reference, was postmarked Akron, Ohio, December 28, 1933. This letter was written in pencil, addressed to Dr. Moran, and signed John "Schnozz" Hauser. Hauser, in this letter, advised Moran he was arrested upon arrival in Akron and was photographed and fingerprinted; that he was then released and advised "got a kite off for

Murph, T. H. and J. K." He further stated in this letter "Doc, if there is anything I can do for you in any way regardless, just let me know. I didn't know what to have Murph or them do, but told them to just stand by and wait for word. By the way, burn all this stuff up and tell Mickey not to perspire too much -- I will wait for word in some form or other so as to let them know what to do at that end."

C. O. Ryland, in charge of the Identification Unit of the Akron, Ohio Police Department was interviewed and after an examination of his records advised that the person the writer was endeavoring to locate was evidently one John Houser alias Lee Willison, an ex-convict of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, who appeared for registration and fingerprinting at the Akron, Ohio Police Department on December 28, 1933, where he was fingerprinted and photographed as No. 24504, in accordance with the practice carried on by the Akron Police Department to register and fingerprint all ex-convicts. Officer Ryland advised that this individual had never been arrested by his Department at Akron, Ohio. He supplied the writer with a copy of Houser's fingerprints as furnished the Akron Police Department by the Detroit, Michigan Police Department, which contain a good photograph of Houser, and the same is being transmitted herewith to the Chicago office. Mr. Ryland's records disclosed the following description of Houser:

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John Houser was located at 729 1/2 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio, not address 729 which he gave when he registered at the Police Department. He is residing with his parents. The address of 729 1/2 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio is located in a building containing addresses 729, 729 1/2 and 731. The address 731 is occupied by R. C. Norris, who owns the building and operates a filling station in the portion occupied by himself. It was determined by the writer that Norris is regarded as a responsible citizen and had a brother formerly on the Akron Police Department who was killed in line of duty and for this reason it was believed he would be entirely reliable and co-operative.

R. C. Norris was interviewed and advised Houser's parents are on the welfare and that John Houser had been released from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Christmas 1933 and had been residing with his parents since that time, operating a small

alley garage with space for about two cars on St. James Court, opposite his home. Mr. Morris stated that so far as he knew, since John Houser's return he had no visitors at his home. Photographs of all members of the gang and their descriptions were displayed to Mr. Morris and his son, S. B. Morris, who is employed at the filling station, and they were unable to identify them as anyone they had ever seen.

John Houser was interviewed at his garage. He advised that his correct name is Howard James Houser. At the beginning of the interview he denied writing the letter in question to Dr. Joseph P. Moran and also knowing anyone by that name. However, before the interview was completed and under close interrogation, he advised that he recalled that while confined to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, he became acquainted with one Joseph Murphy, who was confined at the Penitentiary on a Postal violation, being convicted at Chicago, Illinois. Murphy is the person he refers to as "Murph" in his aforementioned letter to Dr. Moran. Murphy was also formerly confined to the State Prison at Joliet, Illinois. Houser also stated that while at the United States Penitentiary he became acquainted with Francis Kline and T. Healey or T. Haney, both of whom were in the Penitentiary for Postal violations, having been convicted at Chicago, Illinois and the "F.K." and "T.H." in his letters referred to Kline and Healey or Haney. He further stated that all of these individuals were acquainted with Dr. Joseph P. Moran and were communicating with Moran in the Penitentiary in an endeavor to get him to assist them to secure their releases on parole. These men told Houser that Moran had considerable political power in Chicago and could probably help them and he is under the impression at that time Moran was endeavoring to secure paroles for three individuals. He further stated he was discharged on December 25, 1933 and upon receiving his discharge he was requested by Murphy, Kline and Healey or Haney to contact Moran at Maywood, Illinois and offer his services to Moran in securing paroles for these men and gave him Moran's address and telephone number at Maywood, Illinois. He stated upon being released from the Penitentiary he proceeded to Akron via Chicago and that while changing trains in Chicago he telephoned Dr. Moran's office in Maywood, Illinois but was unable to reach him. He stated further that upon reaching Akron he wrote the aforementioned letter to Doctor Moran but that he never had received a reply to this letter nor has he ever seen or met Dr. Moran nor does he know his present whereabouts.

Relative to the phrase appearing in Houser's letter to Doctor Moran as follows: "Doc, if there is anything that I can do for



you in any way regardless, just let me know, etc.", he advised that this statement or offer referred to his assisting Moran in securing paroles for Murphy, Kline and Healey or Haney. He advised that he corresponded with Healey or Haney and Murphy after he was released from the Penitentiary for about a month or two and finally stopped writing to them at all and he does not know whether they have been released. He stated positively that he was not acquainted with any of the subjects in this case and did not know any of them and was unable to identify any of their photographs which were exhibited to him by the writer.

With reference to the 1934 Ford DeLuxe Four Door Sedan, Motor No. 899-365, which was sold on May 21, 1934 by the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company of Toledo, Ohio to Jimmie Wilson as E. J. Powell and Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor No. 4543656, Serial No. 1DA-0749267, which was sold to Arthur R. Barker as H. J. Morley by the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio 8/3/34, communication was had with the Motor Vehicle Registration Division of the Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan and they advised that neither car is or ever has been registered in the State of Michigan and that stop notices had been placed in the event such registrations are attempted and the Detroit Office will be notified by telephone in the event of such registration.

Under date of December 16, 1934 a postal communication was received from T. D. Reed of the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo, Ohio that he had found in going through his files, a telegram from the Finance Outlet Company, Kansas City, Missouri dated October 10, 1934 requesting whether Ford Sedan Motor No. 899365 sold to E. J. Powell May 21, 1934, was paid for in full. Mr. T. D. Reed was interviewed at the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company in Toledo and advised that he had not recalled this wire or located it when previously interviewed as set forth in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated December 5, 1934, at Detroit, Michigan as it was misfiled. The facts as to this wire from the Finance Outlet Company were wired to the Kansas City office with the request that an appropriate investigation be conducted at Kansas City and the Kansas City office replied to this communication by wire on December 8, 1934 that the car had been sold to the Finance Outlet Company of Kansas City, Missouri on October 10, 1934, the last vendor using the name of E. J. Powell; that the purchaser was unable to identify photos of any subjects but stated the vendor resembled Russell Gibson.

Reference is made to lead in the report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, Omaha, Nebraska dated 10/20/34 regarding Chevrolet Coupe Motor No. 4135550, Serial No. 1-DA0313359 purchased by William Weaver



as J. A. Orhood at Des Moines, Iowa on March 23, 1934. Communication was had previous to the period of the dictation of this report but it was inadvertently omitted from former reports, it having been ascertained from the Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan, Motor Vehicle Registration Division, that the aforescribed car has never been registered in the State of Michigan. A stop notice has been placed in the files of the Motor Vehicle Registration Division and the Detroit office will be notified by telephone of an attempted registration.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 12/3/34 relating to Division abstract of criminal record #30222 of Charles Carroll with aliases, which was obtained by Frank J. Noonan through the Sheriff's Office at Chardon, Ohio which was found at 4419 W. 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which premises was occupied by Paula Harmon, Fred Barker, Gladys and Harry Sawyer, also as to certain pay envelopes of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency found at 3973 W. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which premises was occupied by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney. It is noted in this report that Noonan was endeavoring to place the Division in contact with an informant either through him or directly, that would lead to the location of various subjects of this case. Since the period covering reference report of Agent Hall dated December 3, 1934, Agent W. E. Peters at Cleveland, Ohio at intervals of from two to four days has kept in contact with Frank J. Noonan and on December 4 he requested Agent Peters to come to the offices of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, where he advised Agent Peters that he had been successful in locating a man who knew two members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Noonan stated that under no circumstances would he reveal the name of his informant at this time because of his close contact with the gang and with similar gangs and other underworld activities in Cleveland, Ohio. Noonan indicated that this man had formerly been a "hanger on" at the Harvard Club of Cleveland and similar gambling resorts and was a professional gambler and game operator but is at present unemployed because of his advanced years. As was suggested during the previous interview with Noonan by Inspector S. P. Cowley, now deceased, Noonan stated he felt this individual out to see if he would render his services to the Division and the man declined, stating his life would not be worth a nickel if anyone found out he was working directly or indirectly for the Government. Noonan stated he then put the proposition up to this man that it was a matter in which he was personally interested and that he himself desired to locate members of the gang and this man indicated tentatively that he would cooperate with Noonan.

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From the information Noonan received from this informant, the shirt salesman of the Thomas Shirt Company, a Mr. Frambes, is well known at the Harvard Club and to members of the gang there and that this shirt salesman sold shirts of approximately \$300 value to members of the gang taking their order at the Harvard Club and also the measurements for these shirts there.

This man also informed Noonan that an individual whom Noonan referred to as a Captain Timothy of the Toledo Police Department, is a Toledo contact for the Barker-Karpis gang and that they also have a New York contact whom Captain Timothy is connected with. While talking to Noonan, he, Noonan, stated he believed the New York contact was a Morris or a Maurice and his informant had told him that Timothy had gone to New York and delivered some "hot" bonds to this New York contact for disposal, for the gang. Timothy at present, according to Noonan, is residing in Toledo with a woman by the name of Markus, who is the widow of a former Toledo racketeer who operated a night club in Toledo and who was killed by a gang who muscled in on him. Noonan further advised that the informant states before the gang came to Cleveland they were at Toledo and were entertained by Timothy, who spent quite a little time with them and also had them at an island located in Lake Erie. Noonan stated he felt his informant could make the Toledo contact in a minute and that either he or the informant could make the New York contact. Noonan stated that he had an interest in locating Karpis because he desires very much to find out for his personal satisfaction how Karpis secured the several pay envelopes of his agency. Noonan stated to Agent Peters that he felt that his informant would turn up at least five members of the gang for \$5,000 and Noonan himself felt that he should be entitled to something for his own services.

On the evening of December 6 under instructions of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, the writer and Agent Peters again interviewed Frank J. Noonan and he related the same information as he had supplied Agent Peters. He further advised at this time that in view of the fact that the Government had offered a \$5,000 reward for Baby Face Nelson and as he considers the various members of the gang involved in this case as dangerous as Nelson, that it was worth \$5,000 a man for every member that his informant should turn up. The writer informed Noonan that any such remuneration for services in connection with the location of these subjects as \$5,000 an individual was completely out of reason, whereupon Noonan finally stated that he believed that his informant would then agree to do it for \$1,000 a man, any such remuneration to be paid jointly to Noonan and the informant and

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for expenses connected therewith. The writer further informed Noonan at this time that he deemed it would be highly unsatisfactory not to place the Division in direct touch with the informant, if necessary through pretext and subterfuge and Noonan agreed that if the Division desired, and would send an Agent to Cleveland who was qualified for such work, he would introduce him as a private detective of a corresponding agency of Noonan's in some distant city and that the Agent and Noonan could work directly with this informant. Noonan was advised that his offer might be considered but he was given no assurances that it would and in this regard he stated that his informant on the date of this interview was out of Cleveland and probably would not return for ten days or two weeks and he would have to discuss this matter with the informant and would advise Agent Peters of the informant's decision. In other words, he would endeavor to determine whether he could secure the informant's services for a proportionate share of a reward of \$1,000 per man.

At this time Noonan was questioned further as to the aforementioned criminal record of Charles Carroll with aliases, Division Jacket #30222 which was originally secured by him from the Sheriff's Office at Chardon, Ohio and he advised he had recalled the following information concerning it. During the Spring of 1934 a night club known as the Keystone Club, located in Cleveland, was opened by Art Andrews and two others, the identity of whom he was not sure about and whose names he would not reveal, and on the opening night there was a row between the doorman, Ruddy Duncan and Shandow Burns and one Katz, the latter two being local Cleveland hoodlums. When the row started, one of the guests and a friend of the management of the club, made a call evidently to some outside hoodlums, that there was going to be trouble and to come up and render assistance. Before the row was over, Duncan, <sup>shot</sup> Katz and Burns but did not kill either and they were taken to the hospital. Shortly thereafter Duncan was shot down in front of a theatre at 105th and St. Clair Streets in Toledo, Ohio. Shandow Burns was later arrested in connection with the shooting at the Keystone Club and was tried for carrying concealed weapons and acquitted. According to Noonan, either police or prosecuting authorities at Cleveland had to be bought off and there was considerable expense in getting Burns out of this jam.

Concerning the individual who made the call from the Keystone Club on the night of the shooting by Duncan, this individual who made the call was located during the summer of 1934 at the Bainbridge Race Track near Cleveland and through a member of the management of the Bainbridge Track, Noonan, who was policing the grounds there during the summer and furnishing police protection, was advised that Duncan had ap-

proached the individual who made the telephone call from the Keystone Club and had threatened to kill him. Noonan states that accordingly he was checking up on all hoodlums frequenting the race track and that he received information from a source he cannot recall, that Charles Carrell with aliases, Division Jacket #30222, was there and that he was a killer and might attempt to kill the person who made the telephone call and for that reason he requested his criminal record in the event of any such trouble. He advised that he is unable to recall how the criminal record got out of his possession, stating that he has been unable to determine how it happened to reach 4419 W. 171st Street.

In connection with Noonan's statements regarding Captain Timothy, the person he evidently refers to is Captain George Timmeney of the Detective Bureau, Toledo, Ohio Police Department and who is referred to in prior reports as being crooked and a close associate of Ted Angus of the Casino Club in Toledo. The writer personally knows of his own knowledge that it is common gossip in Toledo that Timmeney goes with and is probably living with a Mrs. Marks, the widow of Chet Marks, a former hoodlum, who several years ago opened a night club in Toledo and who was murdered and although this matter was never solved, it was thought this murder was committed by the Licavoli gang.

Regarding the island referred to in Lake Erie, which Timmeney was reported to have visited and entertained members of the gang there, it is possible he is referring to Middle Island located in Canadian waters in Lake Erie in which Ted Angus is interested.

During the interviews by Agent Peters with Noonan and by the writer and Agent Peters with Noonan, extreme care was exercised not to divulge any information in possession of the Division concerning the possible whereabouts of the gang.

During the interview with Noonan he stated he was satisfied the gang did not come to Cleveland without having an entree. When questioned who this entree was he stated he didn't know but he did remark, "Isn't it a coincidence that the gang or members of the gang frequented the Harvard Club and were living in the house rented by a man interested in the Harvard Club". When asked who he referred to he stated that he referred to Arthur W. Heberbrand, but would elaborate no further.

In view of the information supplied above as to Charles Carroll, there is being quoted herewith criminal record of him as supplied by the Division, being Jacket #30222:

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The following is the description of the above individual appearing on print #6968, SRef., Hutchinson, Kansas:

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The writer called at the offices of the A. W. Heberbrand Organization, 9713 Dennison Avenue, Cleveland and there interviewed E. P. Slade, who advised that the furniture left at 4419 W. 171st Street after Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdette had been arrested by the Cleveland Police Department had never been called for and that the same had been allowed to remain in the house which is being occupied by a relative of A. W. Heberbrand; that they expect to hold the furniture for a year and if not called for to sell same at auction; that no inquiry was made by any members of the gang as to the furniture and articles left on the premises. All personal items such as clothing and the like have been stored in the attic of this address, according to Mr. Slade. He states he will immediately notify the Detroit Division office in the event any inquiry is made as to either the furniture or the personal items.

Inquiry of H. P. Stoughton of the Wm. J. Mitchell, Realtors Organization, 13029 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio developed that the furniture and personal items left at 3973 W. 140th Street had been allowed to remain in the house and that the same had been rented furnished. Mr. Stoughton advised that his firm expected to permit the furniture to remain there for a year and if not called for by members of the gang, to sell the same for storage. He stated that after the arrest of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Gladys Sawyer, no inquiry had been made for the furniture by anyone.

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With reference to the furniture left at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, it has previously been ascertained that Mrs. Cullen, the operator of these premises, has held this furniture for the trouble caused her by Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell and when Wynona Burdette returned to Cleveland from Chicago after she had been interrogated there, Mrs. Cullen declined to release the same.

Thirty day mail orders have been requested through the Post Office at Cleveland on all first class mail addressed to Arthur W. Heberbrand, 3909 W. 156th Street, who is residing at this address. A cover was placed also on the mail of William J. Mitchell, 3077 West Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 12/3/34, pages 9 and 10, covering investigation at Toledo, Ohio with a view of locating one "Mildred" who resided on Collingwood Avenue in Toledo, Ohio and with whom Doc Barker, according to Jimmie Wilson, was keeping company in April and May of 1934. While the writer was interviewing Prosecuting Attorney Frazier Reams at Toledo, Ohio on other matters, he advised information had been related to him by his brother, Dr. Glen Reams, a surgeon with offices in the Medical Arts Building, that one Alvin Karpis and a Shorty Barker, who were supposed to have participated in the Bremer kidnaping had picked up a girl in Toledo by the name of Mildred and left with her. Mr. Reams stated his brother would not reveal the source of his information to him but that if the writer would contact Dr. Reams he might secure further detailed information.

Dr. Reams was interviewed at his offices and stated that the information had been relayed to him by a patient with a request that it be relayed to his brother, Frazier Reams, but under no circumstances did the informant want his name revealed. The writer advised Dr. Reams of the desperate characters involved in this case and informed him that it might be very vital to secure contact with this informant. Dr. Reams stated he would not reveal the name of his informant until he had discussed the matter with him but felt he could induce this informant to reveal his identity to the writer. Dr. Reams accordingly got in touch with the informant and the informant agreed to meet the writer at Dr. Reams office, which he did, being introduced by Dr. Reams and being assured that any information supplied by him would be treated in the strictest confidence. Dr. Reams then left his office and the informant was interviewed in strict privacy. Due to the fact that this individual is intimately acquainted with the underworld in Toledo and if the information supplied by him should be connected with him by members of the underworld, it would probably result in his death, he is being referred to in this report only as "Confidential Informant". The Division, Special Agent in Charge Connelley and the St. Paul office have been

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supplied with the name and address of this individual under personal and confidential cover.

[REDACTED] advised that for the past eight or nine months Mildred had lived with Thelma Holst at Apartment F. Burdella Apartments, 3387 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo. Thelma Holst is a sister of Madeline Angus, wife of Bert Angus. She is also a sister of Rene Holst. Until a few months ago Bert Angus had an apartment at 3387 Collingwood Avenue when he moved to Apartment 801, Mayfair Apartments, 1802 Cherry Street, Toledo.

Informant continued, stating he has never met any members of the Barker-Karpis gang but about the middle of September, 1934 one George Sargent came to Toledo, Ohio evidently being connected with the Licavoli Gang of Toledo, for the purpose of rendering such assistance as he could during the recent trial of Yonnie Licavoli on a murder charge at Toledo; in this connection Yonnie Licavoli was recently sentenced to life imprisonment at the Ohio State Penitentiary on this charge. Sargent started to run around with Mildred and Mildred introduced Sargent to the informant and they became very intimate and Sargent related to him that Mildred had been running around with the Bremer kidnapers and later related to him she had been running around with Shorty Barker, one of the kidnapers. Sargent further told the informant that he had gone to Mildred's apartment one day unexpectedly and had walked in on Alvin Karpis and Shorty Barker. Sargent told the informant that he was well acquainted with Karpis and Shorty Barker and that after they had left he had threatened Mildred and told her he would kill her if she ever went out with them again. Informant further stated that about this time Mildred told [REDACTED] there were some gangsters living in the same apartment with Thelma and her or in another apartment in the same building and that they were kidnapers and later [REDACTED] that they were Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker, who is known as "Shorty".

Informant further stated that on November 20, 1934, as well as he is able to determine, Mildred left her apartment with Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker and according to what Thelma tells them, they were going to Florida. However, he stated that Thelma had later told them she had received a long distance telephone call on either November 28 or 29, 1934 from Chicago, Illinois. Informant stated that he was unable to ascertain how Mildred, Karpis or Doc Barker left Toledo. He also stated that a few days after receipt of the aforementioned telephone call, Thelma received a letter from Mildred which he showed to informant [REDACTED] the envelope was not available and there was not a return ad-

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dress thereon. He further advised that the telephone number of Apartment F at the Burdella Apartments, 3387 Collingwood Avenue, is Jefferson 1759-W. It is noted in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 11/5/34, that it is set forth therein that telephone Jefferson 1759-W was listed in the name of Richard Holtz, 1959 Warren Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. However, it has been ascertained that this is incorrect and that this telephone number is listed in the name of Thelma Holst, Apartment F, 3387 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo. Informant further advised that he felt certain that within a short period of time Mildred would communicate with Thelma [redacted] and that the location of Mildred would lead to the location of Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker. He advised when Mildred left, according to Thelma, she did not have any clothing with her and Thelma called Mildred's parents who reside between Leipsic and Ottawa, Ohio and a sister Florence came after them. The informant was furnished with the address and telephone number of the Detroit office and also with the home telephone numbers of the writer and Special Agent in Charge Larson.

The informant, during this interview, was very apprehensive concerning his own safety and he was fearful information would leak out that he was supplying information to the Division that would lead to the apprehension of the subjects of this case and feared dire results. In view of this condition of the informant, he was requested to call at the Detroit office, which he did, where he was re-interviewed by Special Agent in Charge Larson and the writer. At this time the only information in addition to that already received was to the effect that on one occasion Mildred had indicated to Thelma that she had been married to Doc Barker during the past summer.

Informant supplied the following description of Mildred Kuhlman, which is as follows:

Name - MILDRED KUHLMAN  
Age - 24 years  
Height - 5' 2"  
Weight - 119 lbs.  
Hair - Chestnut, bobbed and marcelled  
Eyes - Unknown  
Complexion - Fair  
Marital Status - Divorced; was formerly married to a man by the name of Clark, Toledo, Ohio



When informant was originally interviewed he also stated that since the disappearance of Mildred, George Sargent, who resides in Apartment 535 at the Hillcrest Apartments in Toledo as George Martin, has been endeavoring to locate Mildred and he has made a trip to Houston, Texas where Mildred lived at one time with a salesman named Barney Lance. Sargent does not know that Mildred is with the Barker-Karpis gang, but suspicions that she is and has made a trip to Chicago in an endeavor to locate her but this was also without results. Informant states that he feels Sargent is not so much in love with Mildred as he is jealous of the fact that a racketeer of another faction is approaching on his domains. He supplied the following description of George Sargent alias George Martin:

Name - GEORGE SARGENT alias GEORGE MARTIN  
Age - 38 to 40 years  
Height - 5' 4"  
Weight - 160 lbs.  
Hair - Black; slightly bald in front  
Eyes - Brown  
Complexion - Dark; swarthy  
Nationality - Unknown (Italian extraction)  
Marital Status - Married, wife: Marie, supposed to be living some place in Maine.  
This individual is supposed to be from Akron or Youngstown, Ohio

In addition informant advised that George Sargent had been arrested by the Akron, Ohio Police Department during 1934 at the same time Wop English, a notorious Toledo hoodlum and a member of the Licavoli gang had been arrested at that place for murder. Photograph, fingerprints and criminal record of Sargent have been requested of the Akron, Ohio Police Department.

At Toledo, Ohio, Police Inspector J. H. Casey was requested to place a thirty day mail cover on all first class mail, Apartment F, Burdella Apartments, 3387 Collingwood Avenue, where Thelma Holst and Rene Holst are at present residing. Also a cover was requested on all first class mail addressed to the Apartment where Bert Angus lives, Apt. 801, Mayfair Apartments, 1802 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio as his wife Madeline Angus is very friendly with Mildred Kuhlman.

At the Ohio Bell Telephone Company the writer and Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson ascertained through Mr. H. B. Newburn, Division Commercial Supervisor, that the telephone Jefferson 1759-W is



listed to Thelma Holst, Apartment F, 3387 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. A few of the long distance calls made from this telephone or collect to it during the past ninety days reflected the following outgoing calls and no incoming collect calls:

11/22/34 Houston, Texas - Terminal 45, Texas State Hotel (this may have been Barney Lance)

11/25/34 Akron, Ohio from Je. 8682

11/26/34 Leipsic, Ohio telephone 4089 (this phone listed to Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhlman, Jr., parents of Mildred Kuhlman)

12/8/34 East Liverpool, Ohio telephone Ma. 560

In addition it was found from examination of the toll tickets of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, that telegrams had been telephoned in to Western Union, two on September 7 and one on October 1. The writer called at the main office of the Western Union Telegraph and through the courtesy of M. G. Mullins, the writer examined said telegrams. The first, which was sent on September 7, 1934 at 1:23 p.m. was to Harold Elliott, 1052 Norwood, Toledo, Ohio and reads as follows:

"Call Jefferson 1759-W"

This was signed "Rene". The second telegram which was also dated September 7, 1934 at 6:22 p.m. was addressed to Sally Fitzgerald, 1710 Tuscola Street, Saginaw, Michigan and reads as follows:

"Am just leaving Toledo. Will be at home around 12:00 o'clock"

and was signed "Rene Grace", the sender's full name given as Rene Grace Holst. The third telegram is dated October 1, 1934 9:15 p.m. and is addressed to Madeline Angus, Apt. 801, Cherry & Sherman Sts., Toledo, Ohio. This is the address of the Mayfair Apartments. The wire reads as follows:

"Call Jefferson 1759-W immediately"

The wire was signed "Thelma".

Further investigation concerning the identity of Harold Elliott at 1052 Norwood, Toledo, Ohio and Sally Fitzgerald, 1710 Tuscola Street, Saginaw, Michigan, will be conducted as soon as developments concerning Mildred Kuhlman in Chicago make it advisable.

At Ottawa, Ohio the writer and Special Agent in Charge William Larson interviewed Postmaster Ed Sommers, who advised that Mildred Kuhlman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhlman who reside about four miles south of Leipsic and whose mail is received through that place. He advised that Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhlman have several children other than Mildred, but he did not know any of their names except Mrs. Orville (Sylvilla) Wehinger of Ottawa, Ohio. ~~There was no record on this person's mail.~~

At Leipsic, Ohio the writer and Special Agent in Charge Larson interviewed Postmaster Kidd and it was determined that Mildred Kuhlman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhlman, Jr. reside on a farm four miles south and one mile west of Leipsic. Their address is r.f.d. #2. There are several other children and one daughter, Florence, who was recently married, but Mr. Kidd could not state what her married name is or whether she is residing with her parents. There is a daughter ~~the name of~~ Lucille Kidd who resides with her parents. A thirty day mail cover was placed on all first class mail addressed to the John Kuhlman, Jr. farm.

Mr. Wellman of the local Telephone Company, Leipsic, Ohio, was contacted and it was determined that Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhlman, Jr. at their farm, have telephone #4089 and there were found only two long distance telephone calls, the only long distance telephone calls of any significance apparently made from this number being calls to Jefferson 1759-W in Toledo prior to November 20, 1934 and on October 31, 1934 a long distance telephone call was made to Toledo, Ohio telephone Lawndale 3942 for Nina Beck. It was ascertained that this 'phone is issued in the name of Nina Beck, 3845 Woodmont Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Confidential informant ~~redacted~~

~~redacted~~ was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson at the Commodore Perry Hotel. ~~redacted~~

~~redacted~~ stated that she has kept in close contact with ~~redacted~~

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Ted Angus at the Casino Club but that, according to what Angus tells her, he has not been in touch with members of the gang. She states she feels that she still has Ted Angus' confidence and that if they appear in Toledo and have an opportunity to see her, Angus will notify her, he having her address at the present time.

She was discreetly questioned concerning the identity of Mildred and George Sargent, at which time she stated that when she first went to Toledo and contacted Ted Angus, on one evening she was at the Casino Club and had been talking to Thelma and Rene Holst when a man came in and was introduced to her as George Sargent and with him was a girl introduced as Mildred, who was apparently a close friend of Rene and Thelma Holst and Madeline Angus, Bert Angus' wife, and Madeline Angus mentioned to her that the girl Mildred, whose description as supplied by [redacted] is identical to that of Mildred Kuhlman, had formerly run around with Doc Barker when he was in Toledo. In addition [redacted] stated that she understands that Ted Angus and possibly Bert Angus are planning to go to Florida for the winter. However, that the Casino Club is still open.

[redacted]

[redacted] further advised that while talking with [redacted] she learned that they both had known Baby Face Nelson, they telling her that they had met him during the winter of 1931 while they were at Hot Springs, Arkansas, knowing him as "Little Jimmie". They knew he had been in Chicago and California and that his real name was Lester.

[redacted] had been in Reno, and Lester M. Gillis alias Baby Face Nelson, deceased, had been employed by Rex Graham, a gambler, as a chauffeur, and that at this time, which she thinks was in 1932 or the early part of 1933, Alvin Karpis became intimately acquainted with Lester M. Gillis. However, he was known at that time to her only as Jimmie and she did not know Jimmie was Lester M. Gillis, deceased, until she observed his pictures in the newspapers about the time he was killed.

[redacted] will continue as a confidential informant for the present, and maintaining contact with Ted Angus and will report directly to the Detroit Office.

On December 14, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson received a long distance call from [redacted]

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requesting that Special Agent in Charge Larson and the writer see him at Toledo as soon as possible as he had information which he could not divulge by telephone. Accordingly, the writer and Special Agent in Charge Larson interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had received two long distance telephone calls from Mildred Kuhlman at Chicago, the first about 9:00 p.m. December 13, 1934 and the second about 12:20 a.m. December 14, 1934. He further advised that Mildred had stated that on December 14 she would be in Chicago, Illinois at Room 3121, Morrison Hotel as Patricia Lonquest and needed \$150 which she requested [REDACTED] to loan to her and to bring it to her at Chicago at once.

[REDACTED] to wire or mail it to her at 611 Oakdale Street, Chicago, Illinois. Informant stated that he did not have an opportunity to communicate with the Detroit office until after 12:20 a.m. December 14, 1934, at which time he was unable to reach anyone at the Detroit office and he had misplaced the home telephone numbers of Special Agent in Charge Larson and Agent Hall, which had been furnished to him. He advised that in view of the fact he did not wish to in any way interfere with the activities of the Division in locating the gang [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Immediately upon obtaining this information Special Agent in Charge Larson transmitted the same telephonically to Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Chicago, together with descriptions of [REDACTED] Mildred Kuhlman.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[redacted] was with the gang in Chicago and that the gang had an apartment in Chicago and that they go out very seldom. Further, that the gang stated they will never go back to prison and that they will not be taken alive; that they are better armed than the Government men and have a gun which they refer to as "the big Bertha". Further, that she, Mildred, when riding with members of the gang, always has a machinegun between her legs.

[redacted] endeavored to have Mildred return to Toledo but she would not do so. Mildred had a new brown Manchurian fur coat which she stated cost \$800 and that Doc Barker had bought it for her.

There was another woman living with Mildred at the Morrison Hotel, [redacted] described as a tall blond with slanting eyes and very hard appearing. Mildred told [redacted] that the gang wanted to shake this woman, whose name informant was unable to ascertain at the time of this contact. Mildred further advised [redacted] that she was moving to another hotel in Chicago shortly. She also told [redacted] he needed \$150 due to the fact that Doc Barker had given her \$500 a few days prior thereto and that she had gone out and gotten drunk and spent considerable of this \$500 and did not want to ask Doc for any further money too soon.

Mildred further indicated to [redacted] that the gang expected to be gone - apparently from Chicago - in a few days for about a week. During this time she would be a "widow" and would visit [redacted] and might bring the blond woman with her. This information as to bringing the blond woman does not coincide with previous information as to wanting to shake this blond woman. Mildred advised that she would repay the \$150 which [redacted] had loaned him, in about a week and [redacted] to get in touch with Mildred [redacted] do so through the address of 641 Oakdale Street, Chicago, reaching her under the name of Lonquest.

When informant was interviewed on this occasion the names of the following persons which Special Agent in Charge Connelley advised telephonically on December 15, were called by Mildred from the Morrison Hotel, were brought to his attention, which are as follows:



A. P. Allen  
231 South Avenue  
LaGrange, Illinois

Mrs. Tullie & Barbara Longest  
641 Oakdale Street

Russell Coleman  
57 Oak Street, Chicago, Illinois

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[REDACTED] he could not recall certain names [REDACTED] but that he would endeavor to secure these names [REDACTED] He was also unable to supply information at this time as to the woman who was stopping with Mildred at the Morrison Hotel in Room 3121. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is being interviewed again to determine further details he has been able to pick up from conversations [REDACTED] and close contact is being maintained with him.

As a result of the mail cover on all mail addressed to the residence of Elwood Yonkers alias C. W. Woods and Aylene White, 2525 Georgetown Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, a tracing has been received which is a letter addressed to C. J. Beck, 2525 Georgetown Avenue, Toledo, Ohio bearing return address of 628 Buckley, Fostoria, Ohio, the same being postmarked Fostoria, Ohio December 5, 1934. It should be noted in the statement of Paula Harmon contained in previous report, that she stated she met Charles J. Fitzgerald with Elwood Yonkers on one occasion at Toledo, Ohio when she was there and as the first two initials of Charles J. Fitzgerald and C. J. Beck are identical, further attention will be given this angle, but it is not desired to make the investigation at this time in view of recent developments in Chicago, as it is known that Elwood Yonkers is very close to Ted Angus and that if information should reach Yonkers concerning any investigation of his premises, he would probably connect it with the Barker-Karpis gang and notify Ted Angus who, if he is not aware of the present whereabouts of the gang, could probably devise a means of reaching them, which might interfere with the present investigation going forward in Chicago concerning Mildred Kuhlman and upset the same.

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the mail cover placed on the Casino Club which is operated by Ted Angus and Bert Angus, known contacts of the gang at Toledo, Ohio, the Post Office address of which is Box 295, Toledo, Ohio, Post Office Inspector Casey advised under date of December 6, 1934 that all mail addressed to this address was ordered forwarded to General Delivery, Tampa, Florida. Arrangements have been effected that tracings will be made through Inspector Casey at Toledo before such mail is forwarded.

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It has further been determined from [redacted] that Bert Angus is still in Toledo and through Mr. E. B. Olds, who resides at 4207 North Lockwood Avenue, which address is adjacent to the residence of Ted Angus, it was determined that Ted Angus is still in Toledo residing at this address.

There are being transmitted herewith to the Chicago and Jacksonville offices, copies of the photograph of Ted Angus and photograph of Bert Angus containing fingerprints and description is being transmitted to the Division in order that copies may be made of the same with the request that they be supplied the Detroit Office, Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Chicago and the Jacksonville office.

For the benefit of the Jacksonville office, the following description of Theodore Angus alias Ted Angus is being set forth:

Age .....	47
Height .....	5' 8 1/2"
Weight .....	210 lbs.
Build .....	Stout
Eyes .....	Blue
Hair .....	Grey
Complexion ...	Fair
Teeth .....	Good; two upper right gold-capped; two upper false
Scars and Marks .....	Seversciss second joint left thumb rear; Oblcic of 2.5 second flange, left index finger front Ragged cic 6-v right wrist running down- ward on palm of thumb of hand
F.P.C.	29 I 16 20 I 17

Investigation at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio and at other points in the territory covered by the Detroit Division office where it is warranted, is or will be made.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at TAMPA, FLORIDA is respectfully requested to conduct appropriate investigation through the delivery, to determine whether any members of the gang could be receiving mail from the area and to determine whether a forwarding order has been sent with General Delivery to forward any mail from the area to some other point.

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE at LANSING, KANSAS at the State Prison, should conduct appropriate investigation there concerning the relatives and antecedents of and any other data that may be helpful in locating Charles Carroll, in view of the possibility that he might be connected with the gang at this time. His number at the institution was #1049.

The ST. PAUL OFFICE should ascertain dispositions on Charles Carroll's arrest as Chester Carroll by the Bismarck, North Dakota Police Department on June 20, 1932 and at the State Bureau of Identification, St. Paul, Minnesota should secure all information available there concerning inquiry of the Division on Charles Carroll by that Bureau on April 13, 1933.

The OMAHA OFFICE at MUSCATINE, IOWA will conduct appropriate investigation concerning Charles Carroll at the Muscatine, Iowa Police Department where he was arrested on May 26, 1934, ascertaining all information available as to his antecedents and connections.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #211  
Detroit, Michigan  
December 24, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
ET AL - Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Copies of report of Special Agent D. E. Hall  
dated at Detroit, Michigan December 21, 1934 are being forwarded  
to the following offices at this time, the number of copies being  
forwarded to each office being indicated below:

Division (3)  
Chicago (1) and enclosures  
St. Paul (1)  
Jacksonville (1) and enclosure  
San Antonio (1)  
Kansas City (1)  
Omaha (1)  
Detroit (1)

As soon as the second run of this report has been completed, the  
remainder of the copies will go forward.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*  
Wm. Larson

Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
December 24, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
ET AL - Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith to the Division  
fingerprint and photograph card of Bert Angus, Bureau of Identifi-  
cation, State Department of Public Safety, East Lansing, Michigan  
#80931 and it is requested that copies of the same be prepared and  
supplied to Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Chicago and to the  
Jacksonville and Detroit Offices. It is desired that the Jackson-  
ville office have their copies of this in view of an undeveloped  
lead set forth in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated 12/21/34  
at Detroit, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl. Fingerprint Card

cc - SAC Connelley, Chicago  
Jacksonville

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January 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

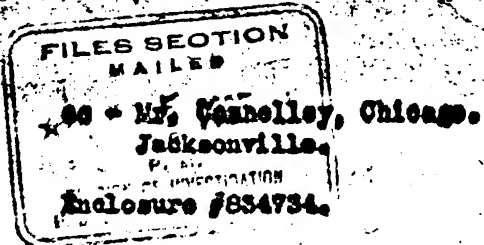
In response to your letter of December 24, 1935, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O. #1218; Arthur R. Barker with aliases, I. O. #1219; Russell Gibson with aliases, I. O. #1215; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases, I. O. #1232; et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim Kidnaping, there are being transmitted herewith to your office, to Mr. Connelley, and to the Jacksonville office photostatic copies of the fingerprint and photograph card of BERT ANOUS, #80391, State Bureau of Identification, Lansing, Michigan, as furnished by your office.

You are advised that a search of these fingerprints through the files of the Identification Unit of the Division discloses the following previous criminal record:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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E. J. Connelley  
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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
MR. JOSEPH MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, December 17, 1934, reflecting the demise of HOMER WILSON alias "Big Homer" alias John Williams, who died on November 29, 1934, apparently of natural causes.

In view of the interest surrounding the past history of Homer Wilson, who is thought to be one of the leaders in bank robberies in the United States, it has occurred to this office that it would be advisable, if possible, to secure all details of his past and his associations. This suggestion is made because of the fact that it has been said repeatedly by informants who have been interviewed in connection with the Kansas City massacre case and other important investigations that Homer Wilson was a close associate of Charles J. Fitzgerald; the party known as Gus Stevens or Stone; Dan Morgan alias Ripley, and other important gangsters.

It is noted that the widow of Homer Wilson stated that in 1931 she, with her husband, was arrested in Seattle, Washington. Apparently Homer Wilson was arrested at that time on suspicion of train robbery. While Mrs. Wilson has indicated that neither she nor her husband were fingerprinted or photographed at that time, it seems unusual that the Seattle Police Department would not have taken such a record under the circumstances, and if such fingerprints are available it is suggested that the fingerprints of Mrs. Wilson, if taken at this time, might develop the connection between the former arrest of those parties.

It is suggested that a copy of Agent Brown's report be submitted to the Portland Office for appropriate attention and information of that office. In the event you deem it advisable,



3 - Mr. J. J. Connelly

It is suggested that the fingerprints of Mrs. Wilson be obtained and forwarded to the Division and to the Portland Office for an appropriate search through the records of the Seattle Police Department Identification Bureau.

The Portland Office might locate the record of the arrest in the files of the Seattle Police Department and secure other detailed information regarding the associates of Homer Wilson at the time of his arrest even though he were not fingerprinted at that time. A photograph of Wilson should be secured in the event same is available at any place, since it may be useful in later investigations of offenses committed prior to his death.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WR:cos

cc - Division

cc - Portland

EAT:TAM

1:35 P.M.

December 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Connelley at Chicago and instructed him to have absolutely nothing to do with the Burns angle of the investigation being conducted by Captain Stages. I cautioned Mr. Connelley against accepting from the State authorities of Indiana or from the Chicago Police Department any information or responsibility, in connection with this case. Mr. Connelley stated that he would avoid having anything to do with this matter.

With reference to my memorandum of last evening pertaining to anticipated developments in the Bremer case, Mr. Connelley advised that neither Grey nor Davis had shown up at the points where they were expected but that the various surveillances were being maintained.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
December 19, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I O #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I O #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I O #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I O #1232,  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Please be advised that the individual referred to in report submitted in the above case by Special Agent M. C. Spear dated December 19, 1934, as [redacted] is [redacted] of Jack Gregory, the latter being a gangster who operated in Kansas City until his recent disappearance after an attempt to kill him in a spot murder. For information relative to [redacted] the attention of the Division is respectfully directed to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 5, 1934, in the case entitled Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, particularly, page 11, paragraph 4, and thereafter.

It will be noted that [redacted] has appeared to be quite willing to cooperate where possible with this Division office, in view of the fact she has been embittered by the mysterious disappearance of Jack Gregory.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Chicago(E. J. Connelley)  
St. Paul

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December 24, 1934

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

When leads are assigned requiring investigation in connection with the three cases listed below, it is desired that such leads be given preferred attention and that in no instance should the initiation of the investigation be prolonged for a greater period than ten days:

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases, I. O. #1223;  
JOHN HAMILTON with alias, I. O. #1220;  
MRS. HELEN GILLIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1230; et al - National Motor Vehicle  
Theft Act; Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitives;  
Probation Violators.

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR. With aliases,  
I. O. #1233; Fugitive, et al;  
MRS. ALICE SPEED STOLL - VICTIM  
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J. J. WATERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 19, 1934

Time - 6:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan...  
Mr. Tolson...  
Mr. Clegg...  
Mr. Baughman...  
Chief Clerk...  
Mr. Coffey...  
Mr. Edwards...  
Mr. Egan...  
Mr. Harbo...  
Mr. Keith...  
Mr. Lester...  
Mr. Quinn...  
Mr. Schilder...  
Mr. Tamm...  
Mr. Tracy...

Mr. Connelley telephoned from Chicago and advised that he hopes to capture Slim<sup>o</sup> Gray (Russell Gibson) tonight, since they have the place covered to which it is felt that Gray will return tonight, or, at the latest, tomorrow night.

Information has been developed to the effect that one John Borzia, a Chicago night club operator, has been exchanging cars with members of the Barker-Karpis mob and Connelley hopes to effect the apprehension of Borzia tonight. Borzia has been leaving the keys for his car at a hotel, and it is when Borzia leaves or comes for his keys that Connelley hopes to take him into custody. Borzia will be taken to the Division Office for questioning in the event he is taken into custody.

Consideration is being given to the picking up of a blonde prostitute named Mildred who is known to be associating with members of the mob. Consideration is also being given to the possibility, if she is left at large, of her leading the Agents to other members of the mob, in that she will be kept under surveillance if left at large. If Borzia and Gray are picked up quietly and without any publicity, it would appear desirable to leave her at large; however, if there is any publicity given to the picking up of these individuals, Mildred will probably be picked up for questioning.

With reference to the apprehension of Burns, reputed Dillinger associate, by Captain Stege of the Chicago Police and Post Office Inspectors, Mr. Connelley stated that Stege and Assistant Attorney General Barce are competing for newspaper publicity and they will probably be at each other's throats before long.

The Chicago News tonight states that Dillinger bought his way out of the Crown Point jail and states that the information came from Art O'Leary. O'Leary was contacted and emphatically denied that he had made such a statement and was fearful that the publishing of such an article will jeopardize the members of his family. O'Leary wanted to make a statement to

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the press denying that he had given out such information, but Mr. Connelley convinced him that he should not do this. Mr. Connelley suggested, however, that if any inquiries are received at the Division, it might be well for us to state that we can emphatically and absolutely state that Art O'Leary did not make such a statement. Mr. Connelley feels that this will place O'Leary in a friendly state of mind towards us and will probably help in the prosecution of Piquette. The News further states that a wholesale indictment will be shortly returned in Indiana and will include a number of prominent citizens.

The Division will be advised of any developments at Chicago.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM *w.a.s.*

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
422 Midland Savings Bldg.  
Denver, Colo.  
December 22, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to my letter to the Division under date of October 15, 1934, a letter from the El Paso Office to this office dated October 20, 1934, and Washington Field Office letter to the Division dated November 23, 1934, in the Dillinger case, relating to informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called at this office today, furnishing additional information concerning his Kansas City, Missouri, contacts. This informant stated that since his conversation with Special Agent in Charge Colvin, he had heard considerable about the Karpis-Barker gang having possible connections in Kansas City and East St. Louis, Missouri; that he is in a position to work his way into the Pendergrast crowd in Kansas City and possibly learn of the movements of the Subjects in this case, with a view of effecting their apprehension.

It will be noted, in the El Paso Office letter [REDACTED] while in Kansas City in October, 1934, obtained an "in" to the Winnie Winkle "313 Club", located at 313 East 10th Street, becoming acquainted with Pete Rich (or Rick), the owner, and Kitty Evers, an entertainer; that the latter was formerly employed in a San Francisco night club as a singer and claimed to have worked there

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for a friend of Joe Paranti. [redacted] Kitty Evers has returned to San Francisco. [redacted] extremely anxious to secure employment with the Division as an undercover informant in Kansas City or on the west coast, and it is my earnest belief that, if so employed, his services will prove exceptionally valuable. In the way of monetary consideration, [redacted] desires transportation furnished him to Kansas City and \$10.00 a day while there. He will defray his own expenses while in Kansas City. He has advised that if he can not "deliver within thirty days" he will be unable to connect at all and that he can be dropped from consideration at any time prior thereto.

Outlining how he would obtain entree into the Kansas City underworld, [redacted] stated that he would immediately go to Pete Rich (or Rick), whom he could readily locate at the Kitty Cat Cafe in Kansas City. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that Nigro was supposed to have taken Johnny Lazia's place in the Kansas City underworld, but he does not believe that he succeeded in getting this position.

[redacted] has advised that he is well acquainted with Subject Harry Sawyer, having been employed by Sawyer [redacted] that, at that time, Sawyer was operating a place over Jack Flynn's saloon at 7th and Wabasha Streets. He has no information as to the possible location of Sawyer at the present time but believes he can learn of his location through the underworld of Kansas City.

The possibility of [redacted] services in undercover work on the west coast in connection with the Dillinger case has been outlined in my previous letter referred to herein.

It is respectfully recommended that the Division give consideration to the possibility of using the services of [redacted] in undercover work at Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

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JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc El Paso

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San Francisco

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases,  
I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN  
with aliases, I. O. #1232, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
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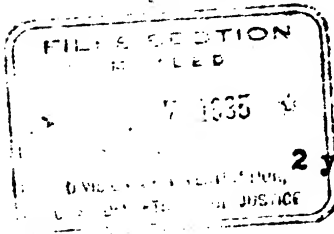
Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the letter from the Denver Office to the Division under date of December 22, 1934 in the above entitled case, relative to [REDACTED] who is alleged to have information concerning contacts of members of the Barker-Karpis gang. The Division does not desire that any money be paid to this individual in advance. However, he should be advised that, in the event he furnishes information exclusively to representatives of this Division which leads to the location and apprehension of a member of this gang, he, of course, will be paid an appropriate sum of money.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Denver  
St. Paul  
Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago



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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of criminal record, showing description, as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Frank Osborne, #C-25203, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois. Please be advised that the fingerprint files of this Division do not disclose a photograph of this subject.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of  
one Frank Osborne, on file in the Division of Investigation:

[REDACTED]  
Notation:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
The following is the description of the above individual  
as appearing on print #C-25203, Police Department, Chicago,  
Illinois:

[REDACTED]

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January 3, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

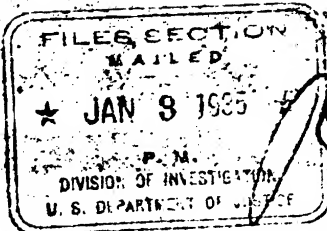
The Division has in its Single Fingerprint File a record of one Frank Osborne, No. C-25203, arrested by the Police Department, Chicago, Illinois September 28, 1930 on a charge of general principles. The record reflects that this individual is wanted as a fugitive on a robbery charge, and in the event information is received the Chief of Police at Chicago, Illinois should be notified in accordance with information received January 15, 1931.

The files do not reflect a photograph of this individual and, therefore, you are instructed to endeavor to obtain one from the Chicago Police Department and forward it to the Division at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc-St. Paul

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December 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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In regard to your memorandum of December 20, 1934 reporting your conversation with Special Agent in Charge Connelley of the Chicago office relative to the status of the investigation of the Crown Point jail break, it is my desire that Mr. Connelley give this matter his personal attention. This case has been pending now for some time, and while I appreciate that the death of Mr. Hollis has seriously interfered with the progress of the investigation, I do not want it to be unduly delayed.

In order to clarify the situation, I think it should be distinctly understood not only here at the Division but also at Chicago between Mr. Purvis and Mr. Connelley exactly what assignments Mr. Connelley is to have exclusive jurisdiction over. It is my desire that Mr. Connelley will have exclusive jurisdiction over the investigative activities leading to the apprehension of John Paul Chase and any other members of the Dillinger gang. That is to say, all matters pertaining to the Dillinger gang will be handled by Mr. Connelley, and this, naturally, would include the investigation of the Crown Point jail break. In addition, Mr. Connelley is to have supervision and jurisdiction over the investigative activities to bring about the apprehension of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Likewise, any angle still pertaining to the Kansas City Massacre are to be handled by Mr. Connelley.

The investigation looking to the apprehension of Robinson, the Stoll kidnaper, will also be assigned to Mr. Connelley. It is to be distinctly understood that at any time when Mr. Connelley needs additional aid or assistance of any character from the regular Chicago Office, all that he will have to do will be to communicate with Mr. Purvis, and Mr. Purvis should be under orders to promptly comply with Mr. Connelley's request. The Chicago Office, that is, the office under the jurisdiction of Mr. Purvis, will handle all other matters arising in the Chicago district, but all of the above mentioned matters; namely, the Dillinger case, the Karpis-Barker case, the Kansas City Massacre case, and the Robinson matter are to be handled by Mr. Connelley.

I would like to have the above instructions set forth clearly in a letter to Mr. Purvis, and one to Mr. Connelley and have them indicate by immediate response whether they clearly understand the arrangement that has been set up in order that there can be no misunderstanding in the future. It is my hope to be able to have Mr. Connelley at Washington shortly so as to personally confer with him. In the interim, however, I would like to have the matters covered by correspondence.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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J. EDGAR HOOVER  
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Washington, D. C.

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December 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with efforts to locate members of the Barker-Karpis Gang, please be advised that through informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] information has been obtained which will likely produce positive results.

Mildred Kuhlman with whom Arthur R. "Doc" Barker is very friendly. The Kuhlman woman was located in the Morrison Hotel at Chicago, Illinois and from there she was traced to the home of one Tillie Lonquest, 641 Oakdale Street, Chicago, Illinois. The telephone at this address has been tapped and it appears that Russell Gibson frequents this address.

The Chicago Office is also covering a number of local contacts of the gang, any one of which will probably develop the information resulting in the location of members of the gang.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby  
R. E. Newby.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/12, 13/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. R. GREEN</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (Hoodlums, Gangsters, etc., Lincoln, Neb.)</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>MISCELLANEOUS - GANGSTER HIDEOUT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: b7D W. D. Rowden, Captain of Lincoln, Nebraska, Police Department advised that [REDACTED] had informed he had been unable to secure any further information concerning this matter. On authority of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, case closed. -C-			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. R. Green, Omaha, 9/27/34.			
DETAILS: <u>At Lincoln, Nebraska</u> W. C. Condit, Chief of Police, Lincoln, Nebraska, informed that he had secured no further information relative to the above entitled matter and that he had come to the conclusion that same was not as serious as it had been previously reported. DETAILS: Captain W. D. Rowden, of the Lincoln Police Department, who originally furnished this information to Chief Condit, stated that he had just recently seen [REDACTED] the original informant, and [REDACTED] advised him that the parties who had been said to have been coming into Friend, Nebraska, had not come there since previous interview had with him, as set forth in the reference report, and he had been unable to secure any further information relative to this matter; however,			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. Hanni</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	1-576-3647	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 29 1934</b>
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should there be any further developments later, he would report the same to the Omaha Division Office.

Upon the authority of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, this case is being closed.

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